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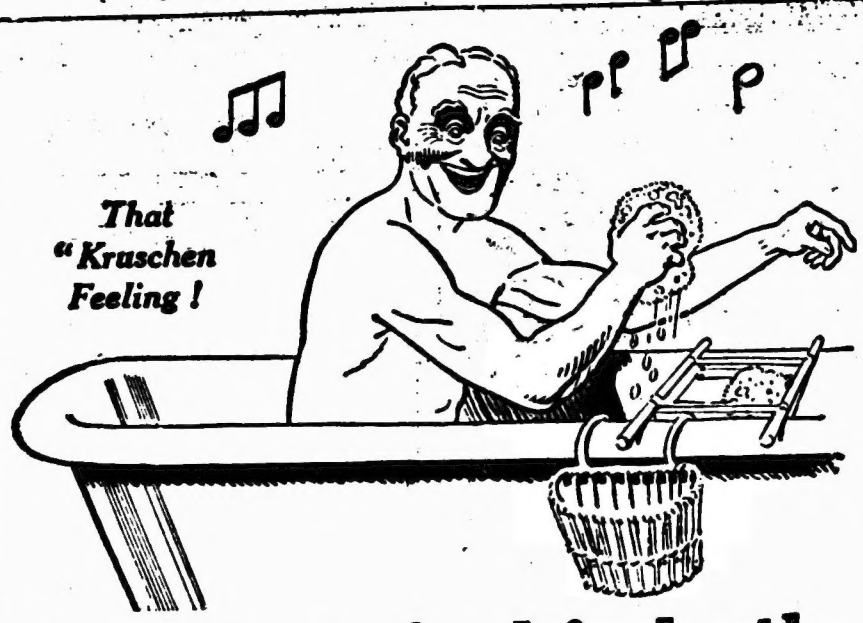

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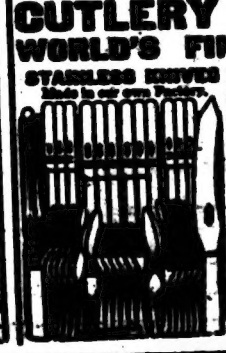

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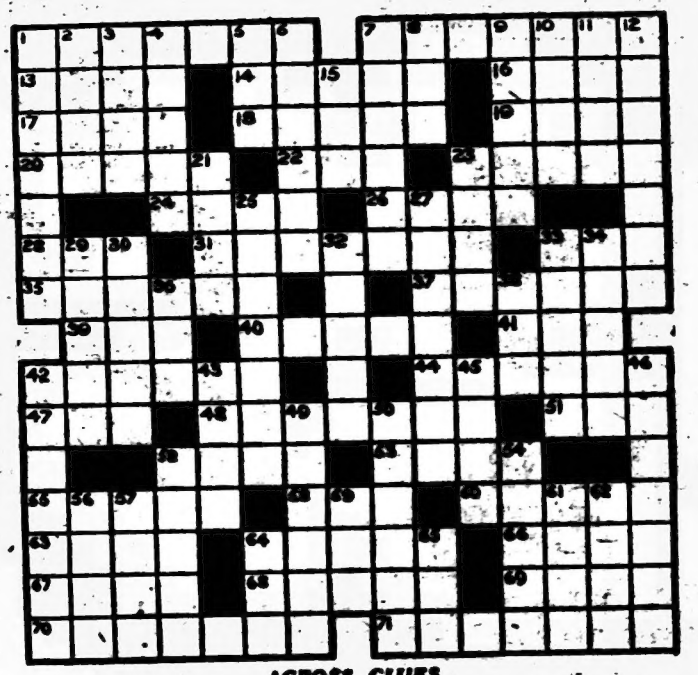

ACROSS CLUES

1. Meeting.
7. Winding machine.
13. Above.
14. Quick-eyed person.
16. Sheet of glass.
17. Female of the horse.
18. Men's underwear.
19. Before.
20. Buoyed up on water.
22. Sever.
23. Firm.
24. Sundown.
26. Rested.
28. A bone.
31. Thin slices.
33. French coin.
35. An idler.
37. Appearing periodically.
39. Part of a circle.
40. A bent line.
41. Writing fluid.
42. Sew.
44. Continued annoyance.
47. A number.
48. A new-comer.
51. Girl's name.
52. Selling off.
53. From beyond the Tweed.
55. A colour.
58. A tree.
60. Famous French General.
63. Naked.
64. Customary.
66. Latvian seaport.
67. Italian coins.
68. Medicinal pod.
69. To sow.
70. Passed away.
71. Entwined.

DOWN CLUES

1. To cheer.
2. Egg-shaped.
3. Roman emperor.
4. Step.
5. Headgear.
6. Footprints.
7. Kind of mallnee.
8. Donkey.
9. A country.
10. Strong taste.
11. Against.
12. Necessary.
15. Antelope.
21. Revolve.
23. Ascend.
25. Small bag.
27. Deadly poison.
29. Wrathful.
30. Tempered steel chisel.
32. A router.
33. To scratch.
34. Made of a hard wood.
36. Deed.
38. Equip.
42. Bristles.
43. Fish measure.
45. Minute particle.
46. A cowardly fellow.
49. Stopped.
50. French isle.
52. To use a broom.
54. Popular name for turpentine.
56. Method of transport.
57. Odd.
59. Old Sol.
61. Civil commotion.
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64. Employ.
65. Order.

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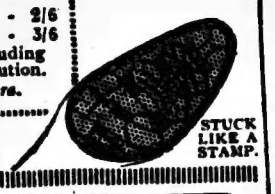

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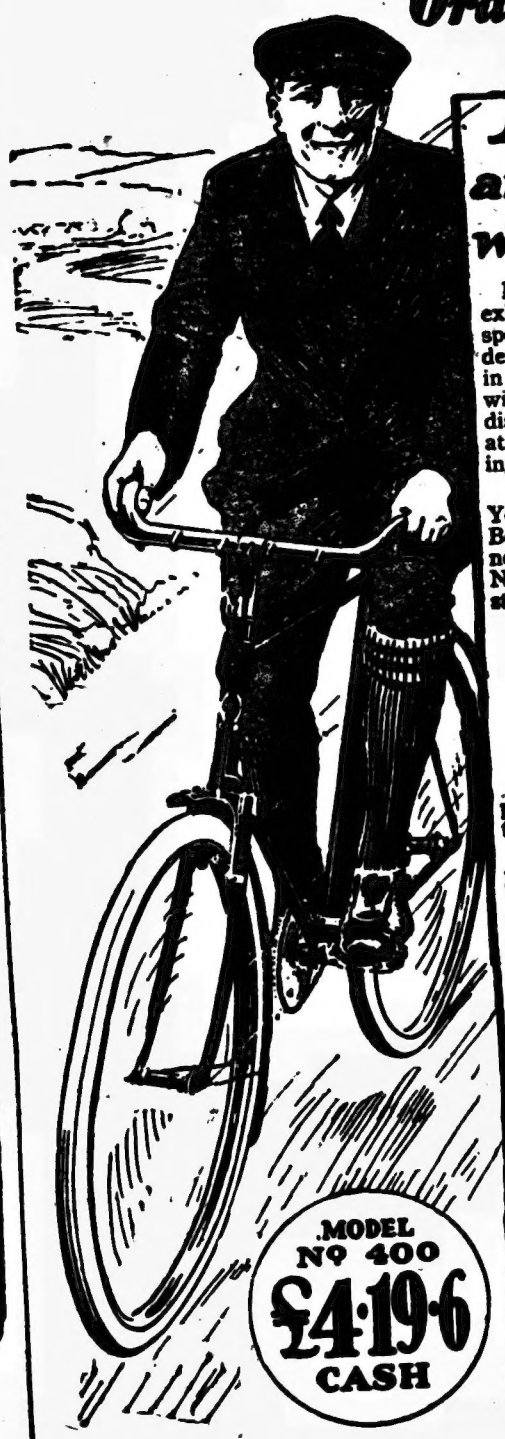

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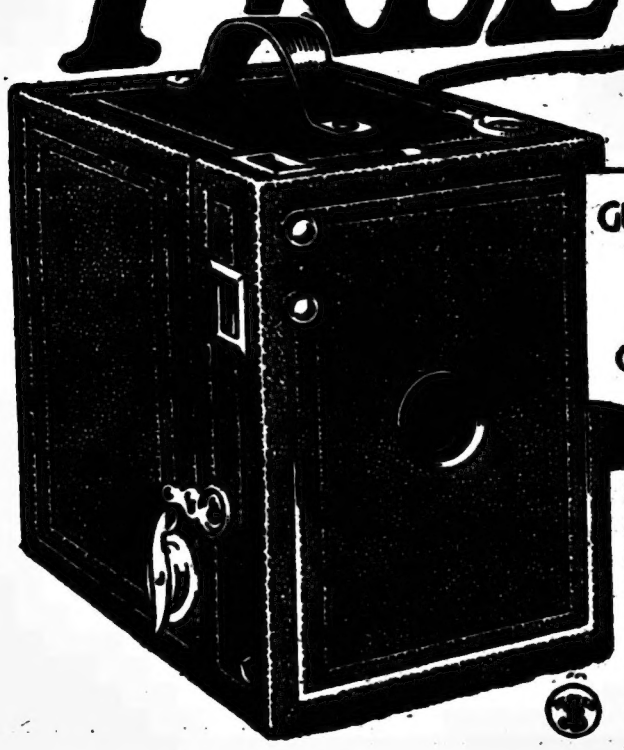

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Cry Quits.

The great strike is ended. The vital task of reconstruction still stares us in the face. Both sides to the dispute must contribute of their best. And there must be no recriminations.

The Bull-dog Breed.

Good temper, in the main, saved the situation from potential tragedy. Neither was sympathy with the miners lacking. As the Archbishop of Canterbury reminded us, there's enough goodwill in the country to settle every difficulty. The call now, is to use it.

Lloyd George Right.

Before the strike Mr. Lloyd George characterised talk about revolution as "slosh." Even the slosh dried up in the recent breeze. And we want no more of it.

Don't Forget Them.

In the rush of settlements and reconstruction the volunteers who kept the nation supplied with essentials must not be forgotten. A month's pay would be a graceful addition to the "sack."

Master of the Ship.

Throughout the coal negotiations, Mr. Baldwin attempted to dominate the Cabinet for its own good. He had not only the broader view within, but the big battalions of the public without. But he failed to win.

The Stark Fact.

Under the owners' terms a large proportion of Welsh miners, working a six-day week, would have earned the magnificent wage of 40s. to 43s., subject to deductions. Whatever the final settlement of the trouble that sticks in the throat.

Our Ultimatum.

"That a minimum wage should be the first charge on the industry is bare justice" was our pronouncement nearly two years ago. We still think so, but not in terms of 40s. a week. That isn't a wage. It's beggary.

A Happy Solution.

There is much to be said in favour of Mr. H. N. Brailsford's suggestion that the best way of dealing with the overmanned mining industry would be to pension off the older men. After all, those who have laboured faithfully for years are more entitled to succour in pension form than youth is to the "dole."

Next.

Mr. Baldwin must take the European situation in hand before disaster occurs. To let Sir Austen go his own way for the next few months is to court, not a fiasco—as at Geneva in March—but a world disaster.

Ruling the Roost.

One plot now brewing is to secure next September a reversal of the rule that League Council decisions must be unanimous. Then (it is reckoned) the Franco-Italian confederacy could run the League. Germany—and Britain—would be powerless. The mad folly of it!

A Comparison.

Mr. Churchill's good-tempered courtesy when leading the House is in striking contrast to Mr. Neville Chamberlain's repellent ill-humour when performing the function. More than one Member has remarked on the contrast. Even if one isn't a genius, it is possible to be polite.

"Q" Ship Tactics.

The Admiralty economies were camouflage for the cruiser programme. With that well on the stocks, we predict that next year's bill for the Fleet will give the taxpayer a shock.

Penny Wise, Pound Foolish.

France owes us nearly as big a debt as we owe America. To snatch at £4,000,000 ready-money and postpone until 1930 the Caillaux terms of £12,500,000 a year puts the finishing touch to thriftless folly.

Stuff and Nonsense.

When opponents of Mr. Baldwin's Electricity Bill quote the efficiency of the present Commissioners as rendering a new body of control unnecessary they give their case away. There must be a Central Electricity Board, and Baldwin must scotch the blockers.

Stiggins and Co.

The uproar raised by Sabbatarians against Sunday games is an offence against true religion. Such humbugs should be compelled to live the sedentary lives of most of the players. That would kill, or cure!

Warehouse Room.

In the East End of London, in a room 9 ft. 8 in. by 9 ft. 10 in. divided by a partition, live two men and their two wives and three young children. As a quick way to make Bolshies this method can't be beaten.

Out Again!

We publish this issue of JOHN BULL at the earliest possible moment in order that our readers may get their copies without any loss of time. The next issue of JOHN BULL will be on sale everywhere on Wednesday, May 26th,—our usual publishing day.

A Trap for Shylock.

The Moneylenders Bill, having passed second reading, is promised speedy passage into law. The game is a paying one and its exponents crafty. When cast, the net will need well guarding lest the fish wriggle through.

Not so Dusty.

Two shipping magnates recently deceased left between them £212,752. There is still a bit of money to be made in British shipping.

"Housing" for Racegoers.

The ninety-six-year-old grand stand at Epsom, accommodating 6,000 people, is to be replaced by one holding 20,000. Why can't we have a bit of the same enthusiasm put into dwelling-houses for the people?

Susan, M.P.

The return of Miss Lawrence for East Ham was expected. It's a triumph for feminism and perseverance far more than a party victory. Susan Lawrence is an educationalist who has spent her life in service for the children. That tells.

According to Royal Custom.

Women who gave endless trouble by sending presents to the Royal baby which must be returned are cheap notoriety hunters. Why don't they think of the needy? There are any numbers of poor mothers who would be glad of the clothes.

Let's Know the Worst.

The news that a number of Zeebrugge heroes were in receipt of Poor Law relief shocked the country. Some M.P. should move for a complete return of ex-Service men in a similar plight.

Moving On!

We congratulate the House of Lords on passing a motion to instruct the Ministry of Health to withdraw its opposition to birth-control information being available at the Ante-natal Centres and Welfare Clinics. The next move is with the Government.

Glasgow's Grit.

It's bold of Glasgow to contemplate spending £200,000 to build a vast exhibition hall on the site of that destroyed by fire. Nevertheless, housing should come first. Glasgow's slums are among the worst.

Chartered Cruelty.

A hunted fox in Glamorganshire dashed frantically into a church, and was killed by the leading hounds just as he was entering the belfry. To call such cruelty sport is to make it more nauseous still.

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

The Nurses' Protest.

Dr. Graham Little has drawn the professional nurses to his side in his Anti-Stiff Collar Campaign. They plead that soft collars would spell "untold relief and emancipation." To keep those who minister to the sick in uniforms that cause acute misery and discomfort is a piece of senseless red tape. The nurses must win their case.

Practical Christianity.

With the help of money voluntarily subscribed at 2½ per cent., the Manchester, Salford and District Council of Christian Congregations has undertaken to provide houses at rents 5s. a week cheaper than municipal dwellings. Each house is to have a separate bathroom. As a bit of practical Christianity the scheme is a shining example.

Medical Superstition.

The *British Medical Journal* reports a case in which, to cure an outbreak of ringworm, a mother rubbed a child's head with a mixture of ink and scrapings from an old tobacco pipe. The result was an attack of acute nicotine poisoning. It hardly looks as though the time had yet come to stint money on public education.

The Appeal to Force.

Recognising that two wrongs do not make a right, the Scottish Trade Union Congress has rejected the proposal to form a Workers' Defence Corps to oppose—and, incidentally, to imitate—the tactics of the British Fascisti. The decision was a wise one. Mutual skull-cracking is no substitute for argument among sensible men.

Terrible Figures.

In 1924—the latest year for which official figures are available—54,813 babies under one year of age died in England and Wales. In the same period, according to the statistics of the Approved Societies, seven women every day died in childbirth. In the light of these terrible facts to begrudge money spent on maternity welfare is not merely a blunder, but a crime.

Indignation Justified.

Captain James Daires, retired master of the mercantile marine, of Cardigan, is not afraid to speak out. At the enquiry into the loss of the steamship *Sutton* he characterised the method of coast-watching as inadequate. Feeling runs high at Cardigan. After the loss of the *Sutton* a public meeting was called and strong expressions were indulged in. The Board of Trade must enquire into Cardigan's undoubted grievance.

It's Unpardonable.

We cannot admire the stand taken by the Hull Corporation Art Gallery Committee in refusing to admit women to the enclosure when the Prince of Wales lays the foundation-stone of the Ferens Gallery. Lack of accommodation was no excuse. The standing room should have been divided between the sexes. The rule of the harem cannot be enforced in this country. Has Hull forgotten that women are enfranchised citizens?

Prussian Pedagogue.

Mr. G. K. Deacon, of Caversham, states that because he requested that his son should be exempted from compulsory participation in games, for which he had an extreme distaste, the headmaster decided that the lad must leave Reading School. Though we are in favour of health-giving exercise, we regard such arbitrary methods as an impertinent infringement upon parental and individual rights. Prussianism is out of place in England.

A Savage Brute.

A feeble old man on a South Hiendley road was accosted by a dangerous bully, William Kenworthy, who demanded lodgings, brought him to the ground with a blow to the jaw, and kicked him as he lay on the ground. The chairman of the magistrates (Dr. J. F. Horne) described the assault as a "shameful one," and then let the brute go free on payment of a fine. Roads are not safe for old men when magistrates show such leniency to callous savages.

Work for Unemployed.

A committee presided over by Lord Blanesborough is sitting to enquire into the whole question of unemployment insurance. The most striking evidence so far tendered is that of the trade union representatives who contend that assistance for the unemployed should consist not of "doles," but of work. A bull's-eye on the target of truth.

Doing their Best.

The women on the Isle of St. Kilda, probably the poorest in the kingdom, are anxious to do their bit towards helping a fund for nurses. So they have set about knitting gloves and socks, which are to be sold to help the cause. These women may be poor in money, but they are rich in the grace of charity.

Insulting the Royal Family.

The British public is quick to resent such dirty tricks as insulting those who cannot, by reason of their position, defend themselves, and offences of such vulgarity are comparatively rare. In putting the headline, "Sudden Rise in Unemployed," over the announcement of the birth of the Duchess of York's daughter the *Sunday Worker* stooped to the lowest gutter.

Sores and their Cure.

"Society's four greatest evils are slums, sweating, prostitution, and war!" is an indictment of man's inhumanity by the Bishop of Manchester, to which any jury of people endowed with common-sense can only return one verdict. Not an economic or political programme does the world expect from the Church; but when a bishop so plainly exposes the sores, may it not be expected from him that he will demand their cure?

The Human Machine

Coats Off!

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

NOW that the strike is over what are you going to do about it? What are you personally going to do?

You can, of course, spend your time in bitter broodings, in recriminations and time-wasting. You can, if you choose, create as much bitterness, gloom and despair around you as the strike did.

What you ought to do is to grin—and get on with the job.

Nothing matters except to take off your coats, get at it with a will and restore peace and prosperity to the nation in the shortest possible time.

There will be plenty of croakers and grousers but are *you* going to be one of them? Are you going to say, "It can't be done," or are you going to say, "I can and I will"?

"Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
But he, with a chuckle, replied
That maybe it couldn't, but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he tried.
So he buckled right in, with the trace of a grin
On his face—if he worried he hid it;
He started to sing, as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done—*And he did it!*"

GET your coat off, roll up your sleeves and set about it! If people tell you that it can't be done—give them a grin and get on with the doing of it.

The spirit that kept the life of the nation alive during the dark days will win through the reconstruction period just as easily.

But don't forget that *your* part is just as important as the next man's.

"There are thousands to point out to you one by one
The dangers that wait to assail you,
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
Then take off your coat and 'go to it'!"

The "Crook" Season.

We are told that the number of hotel detectives has been greatly increased, and that they are working in close co-operation with C.I.D. officers in the warfare waged against international crooks. But why, since Scotland Yard is well informed as to the movements of these pests, many of whom are familiar figures to the officials, are these undesirables allowed to land?

Too Many Passengers!

Season-ticket holders on the L.N.E.R. will be amazed to hear Sir Ralph Wedgwood's argument before the Railway Rates Tribunal for dearer fares, that it would be bad policy to lower fares as overcrowding would be increased. This is a confession that the railway cannot handle more passenger traffic and knocks the bottom out of pleas that the railways need more passengers. We wonder if Sir Ralph has ever thought of increasing accommodation to meet a larger traffic?

Bad Taste.

General Sir Ian Hamilton marred a tribute to the 29th Division by adding to his suggestion that veterans should have carved on their tombs, "Served with the incomparable 29th Division," the remark, "Even the Union of Bricklayers will not dare disturb your bones." A good many bricklayers died in Gallipoli and in France, and Sir Ian is at fault in making such an indiscreet remark.

"The Golden Borough."

Addressing an audience of women at the Guildhouse, Eccleston Square, Mr. Lloyd George pointed out that though the City of Westminster was the richest in the land, one out of every seven families lived in a single room. The council were barred from building by the exorbitant price of land, for some of which £87,000 an acre had been asked. All we can say is that the owners deserve to have it taken from them at a price not of their choosing.

At Typhoon Corner.

The sea V.C., the Stanhope Medal of the Royal Humane Society, for 1925, goes to Duncan Souter, a Grimsby fisherman. At Typhoon Corner in Icelandic waters a sea swept the mate of a trawler overboard, but Souter, who is twenty-three, without thought of his own safety, jumped overboard and kept the mate afloat long enough for both to be saved. Souter exemplifies the type whose courage conquers the might of the ocean.

A Genuine Charity.

Some time ago we published a criticism of Professor Wilden-Hart's "Who's Who" Public Men's Bazaar Scheme for helping Church and Mission Funds. There has since been given us an opportunity of examining his books and he has satisfied us that his work was entirely philanthropic. We regret, therefore, that we should have ever thought otherwise and we gladly take this opportunity of stating that we are satisfied that there was never any reason to doubt his bona fides.

A Fine Idea.

Lord Winterton, who recently purchased in Tait Street, East London, a public-house in order to turn it into a club for women, is to be heartily congratulated on the success of his enterprise. For 6d. entrance fee and a weekly subscription of 1d., the working woman may enjoy reading, recreation, and refreshment-rooms and the use of a pleasant garden. Such a movement extended would transform the drab outlook of many a working man's wife—the very person for whom there is seldom any catering.

British Aliens.

Now that the equality of woman is an established fact, it is time that she should be permitted to retain her nationality even in the face of the marriage bond. Mildred Constance Bryant is wedded to an American, who has deserted her and returned to his own land, and though of British birth, she was summoned at Liverpool for failing to register as an alien. Why should a wife be compelled to adopt the country of her husband while remaining in her own?

Lower than the Brutes.

When Mrs. Mary Chippendale, at Coalville, Leicestershire, applied for extension of an ejectment order both the magistrates and owner agreed she should have it. Mrs. Chippendale's lot is a hard one. She is married to a man who won't work. When she went out to earn food for her babies, and brought home a loaf, this hulking brute left his bed, took the bread and ate it himself. Such conduct is theft, and it is a pity the law does not treat it as such.

Poverty a Crime.

Bridgwater magistrates recently sentenced an elderly man named John Coombs to two months' imprisonment. Coombs' crime was poverty! He was charged with sleeping in a barn without visible means of subsistence. In these days of housing shortage there are countless poor people who are forced to make their homes in barns and pigsties. Would the Bridgwater magistrates like to see all these unfortunate people herded into jail and branded as criminals?

Malefactors' Rights.

We would draw attention to the case of George Berry, sentenced at the East Sussex Quarter Sessions to twelve months' hard labour for housebreaking. Prison discharge documents were found on him at the time of his arrest; and the justices were informed that the papers proved the prisoner to be a ticket-of-leave man. The Court of Criminal Appeal held that the contents should not have been disclosed till after the verdict, and the conviction was quashed. In matters of criminal jurisprudence we still show the way to the world.

Register the Babies to Be.

The finding of a strangled new-born infant under some bushes at Wallasey leads the West Cheshire coroner to declare that legislation is needed. The swelling number of such mysterious deaths of new-born babies is disquieting. "Every expectant mother," says Mr. J. C. Bate, "should be known to the authorities by registration or other means." It's a good hint. When pregnancy becomes notifiable the situation of many despairing girls will be improved. They will know where to find guidance and help.

The House of Gloom.

John Baxter, aged sixty-four, recently summoned at Coalville for deserting his wife, admitted that for seven years, although they had lived together, he had not spoken one word to Mrs. Baxter. And this, after being married for forty-six years and bringing into the world nine children. The tragic pity of it when things go wrong so late! No wonder the case was adjourned to give the twain a chance to heal their differences. The memory of old times, the joys and sorrow, and even the difficulties they've faced together, should do it.

A Woman's Sacrifice.

The death of Ada Maund in Worcester workhouse ends a romance of sisterly devotion rarely equalled. She and her brother inherited a considerable fortune which he lost by gambling. Brought down to penury, Ada stuck by her brother, selling laces in the street, ministering to him when his habits reduced him to a wanderer in the woods, where finally he died under a gorse bush. From first to last her loyalty and faithfulness remained unaltered, the one touch of gold to light up a very sordid story.

Missing Mr. Sterrey.

Where is Mr. B. Sterrey, of the Mormiles Manufacturing Co., 11, Chapel Street, Preston? A reader who deposited £5 in return for employment is asking this question. He was to receive £2 a week plus commission on sales, but three cheques from Mr. Sterrey have been dishonoured. Sterrey admitted that he owed £19 for wages, etc., and gave our reader a promissory note for this amount, which he undertook to discharge on January 4. Now he has disappeared and our reader is without his money.

An Explanation.

Referring to an article appearing in the issue of JOHN BULL of November 7, 1925, we are satisfied on enquiry that the article headed "Two of a Kind," so far as Mr. P. Bruce Austin is concerned, is without foundation, and much regret that we were incorrect in our statements.

Mayor as Matrimonial Agent.

A Manchester widower has sent to the Mayor of Southport a letter asking to be provided with a wife from amongst the "lonely women" of that resort. "I would like a lady who has capital to invest," Lothario writes, thus giving the game away. We suggest that any lady who replies may find she is making a bad investment.

No Secret to Us!

"Competition secrets revealed for the first time," is the heading of a circular sent to us by a Blackburn reader, but a casual glance is sufficient to convince us that the pamphlet can contain no revelations for us. It is issued by W. Bloomfield, of Myton Chambers, Hull, concerning whom we may reveal a little secret on our own account. Once when Bloomfield appeared in court a JOHN BULL article was produced which revealed his methods and character. Bloomfield lost the case!

Clare's Correspondence Club.

A Glasgow reader who joined a correspondence club run by N. M. Clare, of 16, Cambridge Street, London, S.W.1, declares that some of the members she was put in touch with asked if she had money to help them out of difficulties, whilst others wanted her to sell goods for them. "I haven't had a decent member to write to," she complains. We are not surprised. Clare's ventures have been criticised in these pages on more than one occasion, and we are constantly warning the public about correspondence clubs in general.

Harrison the Hoaxer.

Complaints continue to pour in from unfortunate people who have been duped by a gentleman who has frequently been exposed in these pages. He is Mr. Percy Swinford Harrison, who, to our knowledge, has run no fewer than three swindling companies from an address in Savoy Street, Strand, W.C., in which many ex-Service men have lost their hard-earned savings. When will the Public Prosecutor be prompted by our warnings and take steps to call this very slippery customer to account?

On a Grand Scale.

"Don't let a mere trifle stand between you and success on the grand scale" is one of the slogans employed by the Alpine Co., of Regent House, Regent Street, London, W.1, when inviting people to send 5s. for moneymaking schemes. Their secrets of success include recipes for the manufacture of "flavouring extracts," "luminous paints," "polishes," "inks," and particulars of "the 'Allendale' secret process for increasing the durability of the soles of boots and shoes." A *very* grand scale to be sure, but 5s. is not "a mere trifle" to poor people seeking employment.

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Problems of Life

Pull Together

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

MORE than twenty years ago I had a sharp controversy with working men which taught me some things.

The trouble arose quite unexpectedly through an article I wrote in one of the Reviews on the increasing secularisation of Sunday. I stated then what I think still, that the habit of turning Sunday into a day of amusement is not good for the national character.

The Rt. Hon. John Burns.

But in illustration of my theme I passed certain strictures on the working classes (as well as others), which I should not now do.

My indictment was true enough, unfortunately, but too sweeping and indiscriminate, and as such was justly resented by the portion of the public which believed itself to be singled out for censure.

The anger of the manual workers was chiefly aroused by the fact that the person finding fault with them did not belong to their own order.

John Burns had said still stronger things to them without calling forth any protest—in fact, he said them in his own constituency, and the only observable result was to increase his Parliamentary majority.

I WAS invited to a public discussion with representatives of labour and accepted.

The discussion was quite futile except for one thing: it made us good friends. My challengers abused me, and I abused them. It was a sheer stand-up fight, but at the close the audience cheered me as if I had been their champion.

The next day or soon after I happened to be in the company of Mr. Balfour, as he then was, and he remarked that nowhere but in Britain would such a meeting have been possible. The people of this country, he said, can dispute without rancour and without cherishing bitter memories.

This is entirely true and is one of the glories of our race. Let us be faithful to it now.

WE have been passing through a dangerous testing-time, but perhaps not so dangerous as the time ahead. We have now to heal the wounds caused by strife and to re-constitute the social fabric that has been so severely shaken.

The slogan should be: Shake hands all round and settle down to work.

The collapse of the strike must not be allowed to leave any rankling sense of injustice behind. The miners have a much stronger case than many people know.

It should be met in a fair and even generous way and in an atmosphere of friendliness and mutual trust. Harsh treatment would cause unspeakable harm.

The calm strength of the nation has defeated an attack upon its life which will never be made again if wise and humane counsels prevail.

Whether that shall be depends less upon government than upon the spirit of the people as a whole.

FLY-BY-NIGHT FLO

AN IMPUDENT ADVENTURESS

Priceless Piano Plunderer

IN our issue of June 13, 1925, we published an article criticising a lady named Florence Blanshard. Our language was strong, for it is not our habit to spare people who are known to have swindled their fellows right and left.

But we did not confine ourselves to applying fitting epithets to this enterprising lady; we gave a number of concrete instances of frauds which she had perpetrated, and mentioned that she had made numerous appearances in the Brentford County Court.

Mrs. Blanshard apparently resented our comments and gave vent to her indignation by issuing a writ for libel. Needless to say, we were not in the least perturbed.

We were fully aware that we had called her names, but we were also aware that she fully deserved them, as the article in question was true in substance and in fact.

The writ was issued almost immediately after the offending article had appeared in print; but, having made this rapid and hot-headed move, Mrs. Blanshard slackened her pace.

Her statement of claim was not delivered until October 21, though this interesting document showed that her indignation had not abated.

Exception was taken to almost every line of our article, which, she alleged, had "greatly injured her in character, credit and reputation."

But, as so often happens in such cases, the action never came up for hearing. Our defence had been duly prepared, and as we heard nothing more we made application for dismissal for want of prosecution.

This had the effect of stirring Mrs. Blanshard into action once more. Presumably for theatrical effect, she appeared in person, leading a child by each hand, and declared her intention of proceeding with the prosecution at all costs.

An amazing career

She was accordingly granted four days' grace in which to set down her case for trial. The days drifted past, but no more was heard of the wronged and indignant female, and the case was consequently dismissed.

We are not surprised that Mrs. Blanshard dropped this case. It was the wisest thing for her to do, for no fewer than three solicitors had refused to continue on her behalf.

Meanwhile, determined to put a stop to this harpy's plunderings once and for all, we have made exhaustive enquiries and have traced her career back for fifteen years.

As the result of these investigations we are now able to lay bare an amazing record of persistent and sustained roguery.

In 1910, Florence Blanshard was residing at 181, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush, her landlord being a Mr. R. J. Wade, from whom she had obtained a piano on the hire-purchase system. As she paid no instalments on this instrument Mr. Wade was forced to reclaim it.

But his troubles did not end there, for Mrs. Blanshard also neglected to pay her rent.

She was at that time purporting to be carrying on a business as Mme. Stella or Mme. Florence; but when a distraint for £10 was levied on

Ernest Arthur Jelf, Master of the Supreme Court, who dismissed the case against "John Bull."

the goods at these premises only about £5 was realised and there was actually no stock appertaining to her business.

Two years later, Mrs. Blanshard was living at 223, Goldhawk Road, and during 1912 two distraints were levied for rent.

In each case seizure was made of a piano, and it subsequently transpired that the instruments had been obtained on the hire-purchase system and the real owners were put to much trouble and expense in order to recover them.

Mrs. Blanshard wound up this remarkable year by obtaining yet another piano in the assumed name of Mrs. Elizabeth Frances Ence. She paid 7s. 6d., but defaulted when another instalment became due.

This instrument was only recovered by the hirers after they had incurred a cost of £3 8s. 6d.

In 1913, this priceless piano-plunderer changed her name and address. As Mrs. Caroline Huskinson she became the tenant of 49, Granville Gardens, Shepherd's Bush. After a quarter's free tenancy she departed suddenly with her belongings.

Some audacious moves

She very kindly left a quantity of furniture behind which had been let to her under a hire-purchase agreement, and the luckless owners were forced to pay the rent in order to retrieve their goods.

She next cropped up at 4, Coldershaw Villas, Hanwell, and obtained a piano from a Mr. Sydney Mounter by paying a deposit of 5s. By complaining about this instrument she persuaded Mr. Mounter to deliver a more expensive one.

She paid about £4 in instalments, and when the owner asked her to return the piano she called upon him in person and forcibly attempted to destroy the hiring agreement.

The outcome was that Mrs. Blanshard had the audacity to summon Mr. Mounter for assault, but the charge was dismissed.

Mr. Mounter subsequently took proceedings against her and obtained a judgment for the return of the piano and payment of £12 7s. 8d. costs.

Mrs. Blanshard waited until the last day of the period allowed for her compliance and then sent the piano back to Mr. Mounter at his private address, with its strings and wrest-pins removed and tied up into a bundle, and the action deliberately smashed.

The extent of this damage amounted to £10, but the costs and arrears of hire have not been paid.

During her residence at Hanwell, Mrs. Blanshard victimised various tradespeople by obtaining goods on credit and also fell into arrears with her rent. When a warrant was issued in the latter respect, she managed to evade execution.

Her next move was to 119, Uxbridge Road, Hanwell, where she opened a blouse shop. Here, also, she neglected to pay the rent, and wriggled out of her obligations by sub-letting the premises and disposing of the furniture and stock-in-trade to the sub-tenant.

What the Judge said

With cool audacity Mrs. Blanshard now took premises at 121, Uxbridge Road, where she continued to hoodwink all and sundry.

In 1919 she was being dunned for rent, and for a long time evaded execution of the warrant by keeping the premises closed between sunrise and sunset. At last, however, a bailiff succeeded in obtaining entry.

Mrs. Blanshard cunningly contrived to get this man to leave the premises on an errand, and when he returned she barricaded the door and refused to let him re-enter. The bailiff subsequently effected an entry and was assaulted by Mrs. Blanshard and her husband.

The man was put in possession once more, and this time Mrs. Blanshard wheedled him into lending her £9 10s., which has never been repaid. When the goods upon the premises were seized they did not realise enough to cover the arrears of rent.

On her last appearance in the County Court — in January — the Judge commented very strongly upon the matter and impounded all the documents in the case.

It is certainly time that Mrs. Blanshard's long career was ended, and our full dossier of information in this instance is at the disposal of the authorities.

Rough on the Rates

Taxpayers Wantonly Mulcted

MANY thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money are swallowed up every year in maintaining wives and children who have been deserted by callous husbands.

At the present time there are hundreds of warrants out for the arrest of such scoundrels.

These warrants are issued, and rightly, because it is a criminal offence for a man to desert his wife and children and leave them chargeable to the guardians in the locality in which they reside.

It is a very grave scandal that when such rascals are caught they *must* be leniently dealt with, simply because there is no law which would enable magistrates to give them long and suitable punishment.

A glaring case occurred recently at West Ham which illustrates admirably the scandal to which we refer.

An expensive case

A man named John Jasper, of 30, Seaton Street, Plaistow, was summoned for unlawfully and wilfully neglecting and refusing to maintain his family, in consequence of which the guardians had been forced to provide for them for three-and-a-half years at a cost of over £1,000.

It was stated in evidence that Jasper, with his wife and four children, had been admitted to the workhouse in September, 1922, but that he had been allowed to take his discharge in February, 1923, with a view to finding accommodation.

Jasper's wife and family remained in the workhouse, where another child was born. He was asked by the guardians to contribute £1 per week, but there was always considerable difficulty in finding out whether he was working or not, and the amount was subsequently reduced to 8s.

Time dragged on, and the total cost to the guardians in a period of three-and-a-half years was about £1,037, towards which Jasper had contributed the handsome sum of £49!

At last he was instructed to remove his family under a threat of proceedings; but beyond sending the guardians £1, Jasper did nothing.

The only remedy

In court Jasper said he had "tried his best" to get a place for his family; but the chairman was not to be hoodwinked.

"This is a scandalous case," he declared. "You are certainly not a man. You are living on the earnings of your fellow-beings. The most we can give you is a month's hard labour."

Later the chairman remarked that representation should be made to the authorities with reference to the inadequacy of the punishment allowable in such flagrant cases.

This comment we most heartily endorse, and would draw the attention of the Minister of Health to this particular case in the hope that he will look into the matter without delay.

ASTONISHING BLACKMAIL AFFAIR

WOLVES IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

The Police Impersonator Trick

THE receipt by us of an anonymous letter, making grave charges against certain well-known officers of the Metropolitan Police Force, has led us to make certain investigations which have resulted in disclosures of a most astounding nature.

We have, in short, discovered that a new and despicable form of blackmail is quickly gaining ground in this country, the nature of which is of such a character that it is calculated to bring our police force into grave disrepute.

A number of thieves, many of whom are ex-jail birds, are at present operating in London, where they are extracting money from unfortunate people who have some incriminating secret to hide.

These dastardly blackmailers actually present themselves to their victims as coming from Scotland Yard or the local police station, and infer that it is in their power to "hush things up" if it is made worth their while.

A dirty trick

Only occasionally are such impostors brought to book, for the victims' fear of publicity makes them loth to take action. And in any case the law is so inadequate that heavy penalties cannot be inflicted unless there is abundant proof of blackmail.

Let us show what we mean.

A man named James Guiver approached a woman of the unfortunate class in a public-house near Piccadilly. He gave the name of a well-known Scotland Yard detective and said that he had been keeping her under observation.

It would be his duty, he said, to take her into custody on charges of annoying men unless she paid him a certain sum of money.

Unfortunately for Guiver a *real* detective came upon the scene and took him into custody instead. He was brought up before Mr. Mead at Marlborough Street and the magistrate denounced him in scathing terms.

He said he had acted "a dirty and mean part." Believing the woman to be a woman of the streets he had sought to obtain money from her by intimidation.

A farcical sentence

Mr. Mead pointed out that the worst aspect of the matter was that such crimes, where persons posed as members of the police force, made the belief to be prevalent that police officers were in the habit of receiving bribes.

So far the story involves grave issues, but was Guiver sent to jail for a long term as a warning to others? Mr. Mead certainly wanted to send him to prison. He said so.

But he had to let the scoundrel off with a fine of £10, because this farcical sentence is the full penalty which can be passed by a magistrate upon anyone posing as a detective!

Here is another case of a very different nature, but which proves that bogus police officers have been going the rounds of disorderly night clubs and posing as Scotland Yard officials.

A famous West End detective who recently entered a disorderly night-club with a search warrant was greeted by an amazed proprietor.

This gentleman hastened to point out that he knew the "heads" of the night-club raid movement and, mentioning one officer's name, said, "I pay him well to look after me."

"Indeed," said the detective, "*I* happen to be that officer, and this is news to me!"

The raid proceeded in the ordinary way to the dismay of the proprietor, who realised that he had for some time past been paying "hush money" to a bogus detective.

Hotel proprietors and shopkeepers have also fallen victims to another member of this despicable gang.

Stating that he is "from the Yard" this gentleman mentions the fact that the country is being flooded with counterfeit notes and that some of them have been traced to the premises of his prospective victim.

He requests permission to examine all available notes, declares some to be counterfeit, and takes them away with him, leaving a worthless receipt behind.

Blackmailing blackguards

Wealthy men who are known to be frequenters of unlawful resorts in the West End of London have also been blackmailed by members of this gang.

They are accosted when leaving these haunts and told that as observation is being kept on the premises they must expect to appear in any proceedings which are taken in consequence.

Mr. Mead

The victims usually pay up rather than face the inferred publicity, and even if they suspect trickery they are afraid to complain to the police and the bogus detectives gaily carry on their nefarious work without fear of retribution overtaking them.

We could give several other instances of this kind of fraud, but we have said enough to show that at least two things must be done at once.

One is that the Home Secretary must remove the stupid law which makes the maximum penalty for posing as a police-officer £10 and pass legislation to make the punishment fit the crime.

And, secondly, the public must for the honour and safety of the police force report immediately to the nearest police-station any case of blackmail.

Elusive Mr. Cohen

Escapes Whilst Dupes Suffer

WHERE is Charles Cohen? Is he quite beyond the reach of Scotland Yard?

These are questions which we asked some little time back when we published exposures of several cases of long-firm fraud with which this clever trickster had been connected.

So far the authorities have made no attempt to answer our queries.

The number and extent of long-firm frauds which have been perpetrated in this country is appalling, and Charles Cohen must surely rank as one of the greatest and most unscrupulous exponents of this particular form of trickery.

Wireless manufacturers throughout the British Isles have suffered more than any other traders, perhaps, for they were swindled out of goods to the value of £10,000 by Cohen, who afterwards defeated the ends of justice by going "bankrupt."

Like most of the long-firm crooks, Cohen contrived to keep well in the background in all his shady transactions. Again and again he operated through an army of underlings who were as luckless as the duped and defrauded traders.

Various people have gone to jail in respect of frauds which were organised and engineered by Cohen. One of these is Hyman Gershon Weiner, who is at present serving a sentence of twenty-one months' hard labour, after we had exposed him.

Cohen then disappeared. He had written to us through his solicitors just a short time before denying our statements and demanding an apology!

Apparently, his confidence suddenly evaporated and, believing discretion to be the better part of valour, disappeared.

Where did he go? We hinted at the time that he was said to have gone to the States, and from information now to hand it would seem that he is at present operating in Detroit.

We urge the police to follow this up and to make exhaustive enquiries with a view to securing Cohen's extradition. The interests of commerce demand that this rogue should be brought back and punished at all costs.

"Shaky" Magic

Charm and Mascot Bunkum

NEWS of the alleged popularity of the sheik in England has evidently spread to Nigeria, and A. B. Page, of Temple Street, Birmingham, describing himself as "the only White Member of the Secret Abafu Society," is relying on the superstitious credulity of Britons when he offers his hideously ugly "Abafu" Good-luck Image to them at 3s. 6d., post free, or, with your initials on the base, 1s. extra.

Morcover, if you send your birthdate, your letter will be sent to a real live sheik in Africa, who will give you a free life-reading.

In order to encourage enthusiastic flat-catchers, he gives a definite promise to return the 3s. 6d. to any client who induces three friends to patronise him.

If you feel convinced that someone has cast the evil eye upon you, read what Abafu has accomplished for one of his clients: "I have won £75 in a Derby Sweep already, and hope my luck will continue."

This testimonial is calculated to create a rush just before the Derby from sweepstake-ticket holders.

For bringing luck the Abafu is evidently a record-breaker, for one grateful—but anonymous—client declares: "I think the 5s. I spent has been worth £500 to me."

Another purchaser states: "I have now obtained a new contract for tour, with £200 advance over last one."

To increase your anxiety to possess the image the guileless gentleman goes on:

"Perhaps it has not occurred to you that there is an invisible guiding influence to assist the attainment of Good Fortune and Success, and that this influence is due to the possession of some Mascot."

Mr. Page then says that "the image was in the possession of the Ogbonis, who ruled the Egba country for hundreds of years, but it is now in the hands of the Powerful Secret Abafu Society."

Mischief is wrought when such circulars fall into the hands of some of the poorer folk, who are prone to believe that such examples of "good luck" must be due to the influence of the trumpery "Abafu" image.

CLUTSAM GOES SOME

A MUSICAL FADE-OUT

Queer Piano Solo

THE path of the frivolous company promoter is made easier by the lax methods of the authorities. Fanciful schemes are launched one after another, only to fail. It is time the Board of Trade acted

A GENTLEMAN who hails from Australia, and who appears to have a strong leaning towards music, is Mr. Frederick Clutsam, whom we would introduce with the simple remark that if our readers have not met him before they are lucky.

Mr. Clutsam, so far as our enquiries have taken us, first came into the limelight in 1914, when a company called the Clutsam Cradle Keyboard Co., Ltd., was formed, with registered offices at 24, South Molton Street, S.W.

This company was formed to further the pianoforte trade, and it seems that Mr. Clutsam was interested at the time in a number of foreign patents and inventions which, if perfected, would greatly improve the action of piano keyboards.

Mr. Clutsam was a director of this concern, and by virtue of an agreement entered into received £4,250 in shares for "considerations other than cash."

In other words, he received £4,250 in fully paid-up shares in return for his inventions and the benefit of his services.

Registrar outwitted

A gentleman named George Arthur Towers, who at that time resided at Hermitage Road, Finsbury Park, acted as secretary to the company, and, in due course, a number of people were induced to invest money in the concern.

We do not know how far this company exploited the patents and inventions which Clutsam was lucky enough to hold; but we have discovered that essential returns, due to be filed at Somerset House, and giving information concerning the company's finances and affairs were never filed.

They were so long overdue, in fact, that the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies had to threaten action against the Clutsam Cradle Keyboard concern.

His letters, however, had little effect, since they were returned with the inscription "Gone away."

Investors in the dark

Our next information concerning Mr. Clutsam centres around another enterprise known as the Clutsam Action Company, Ltd. This was formed in September, 1917, to acquire a concern at 49, Lisson Grove, called the "Clutsam Action Company."

Nothing is said in the official documents about the "Gone away" Clutsam Cradle Keyboard Company, Ltd.; but it is to be noted that although Clutsam himself does not appear to figure amongst the directors the secretary of the newly named concern is the same Mr. Towers who officiated in the previous venture.

The Clutsam Action Company, which was formed to deal in pianoforte keyboards, pianos, organs, player-pianos and musical instruments of all kinds, does not appear to have got very far after obtaining financial support from a number of misguided investors, who are still waiting to know what has happened to their money.

It did not end with the "Gone away" stigma; but in 1919 it went into liquidation and was subsequently "dissolved."

Another "going" concern

After a discreet interval friend Clutsam came along once more with a concern called Radio Recorders, Ltd. This was formed in 1922 to deal in the manufacture of gramophone accessories. Clutsam was a director and his old friend Towers once again obliged by fulfilling the duties of secretary.

What was the fate of this venture?

Reference to the files at Somerset House shows that last month the Registrar wrote to the headquarters of Radio Recorders, Ltd., to point out that certain vital returns required to show the position of the company's affairs and finances were overdue.

As in the previous case, he threatened action unless the returns were forthcoming, and as in the previous case his letter was returned to him. This time it was marked "Gone—P. S. Watt."

Radio Recorders, Ltd., "Gone"; the Clutsam Cradle Keyboard Company "Gone away"; and the Clutsam Action Company out of action, in liquidation and "dissolved"!

Pleasant developments to be sure for the people who parted with money in these concerns.

Clutsam's cheek

One gentleman who parted with £100 did so under the impression that he was to receive valuable shares in Radio Recorders. He was never given any script, and is naturally anxious to know what is happening to the company's affairs.

So are a great many other people who, in the aggregate, have parted with money they can ill afford to lose.

On one occasion Clutsam approached a large City firm and so impressed one of the directors with his schemes that he put up £250 and also introduced him to his brother directors. One of these put up £100 as a matter of business and lent him about £280 in addition.

Is there to be no official enquiry, in the interests of all these anxious creditors, into the affairs of Radio Recorders, Ltd.? Is the Registrar's letter, returned marked "Gone," to be lost in the Limbo of forgotten things?

Some legislation is certainly needed to prevent companies from being formed in this fashion. Will the President of the Board of Trade go into this matter?

A PLOT AGAINST "J.B."

THREE BRIGHT LADS AND US

Thomas Appleton's Adventure

THERE are those who, trading on general ignorance of company law, make a good living out of it. The impudence of these individuals is shown forcibly by the following account of an endeavour to hoodwink JOHN BULL.

ON many occasions we have sharply criticised the brazen activities of Henry Allen Ashton, who has made a fat living for years by the practice of an impudent form of exploitation.

From an office at 143, Fleet Street he conducts a concern known as The London Financial Service, Ltd., and professes to give assistance on matters of high finance and company law, whereas he really trades upon their ignorance to his own advantage.

A few days ago, after we had again shed the light of publicity upon another of his schemes, he favoured us with the following interesting note.

"Would you kindly consent to see me between three and four o'clock this afternoon, on a strictly confidential visit?

Spilling the beans

"I will not (without your consent) speak on the article which appears in your current issue, as what I have to say directly concerns yourselves and may be of considerable interest to you. If not, you can easily terminate the interview at a moment's notice.—Faithfully yours,

"HEY ALLEN ASHTON."

Very nice of Mr. Ashton to offer not to speak on the article in question. He knew very well that there was very little that he could say.

But we had no wish to see him and Mr. Ashton was told that if he had anything to say he had better do it in writing.

He took the hint and favoured us with a long letter containing the disclosure that a plot was being hatched to wreck JOHN BULL.

He told how he had been approached by a gentleman named Thomas Appleton who was bringing out a publication entitled *The Investor*, "bitterly attacking your journal."

Ashton stated that he had been informed that "they were having posters all over London, and the result would be to show up JOHN BULL and everyone connected with it."

An impudent suggestion

Appleton, so Ashton declared, had approached several other people who had been attacked in our pages. He was to call at Ashton's office to discuss the matter on the following day.

"It occurred to me that if one of your representatives were here all details of the plot could be obtained first hand and all particulars taken down.

"This is not the first time I have been approached—but not by Mr. Appleton—to write up articles in my own defence which, of course, I have never done."

"Of course," is good. Ashton knows full well that discretion is most certainly the better part of valour in his case He closed his letter with the polite assurance: "I will offer every facility to your representative."

How noble of Mr. Ashton to return good for evil in this way. How good of him to warn us of the plot being hatched against us by naughty Mr. Appleton! What motives can have guided him?

Mr. Appleton's history sheet

We did not take advantage of Ashton's offer to have a representative present at the interview at which the fate of this journal was to be decided; but we have enquired carefully into the matter and are in possession of some remarkable facts.

Who is this Mr. Appleton? He is the gentleman whom we recently criticised in connection with a share-pushing venture called "T. Sleigh Appleton and Partners, Ltd."

He also set up the "Investment Intelligence Service," which purported to advise would-be investors and supply them with "exact knowledge" on financial points.

The Investor, which Ashton mentions in his warning letter, is merely a sheet controlled by Appleton.

He has made use of bogus publications of this sort before, notably in connection with a swindle he ran a few years ago called the Lancashire and Yorkshire Industrial Development Trust, Ltd.

Appleton, under the alias of J. Howard Harvey, posed as a king of financiers and succeeded in lifting something like £70,000 from the public, largely through "booming" shady propositions in a bogus newspaper called the *Financial Report*.

We are much obliged

"J. Howard Harvey" was arrested eventually and charged with obtaining money by false pretences. He was sentenced to eighteen months' hard labour, the judge remarking that it was one of the most impudent frauds of its kind in his experience.

"Harvey," who, as Appleton, had already been convicted of fraud on two previous occasions, had no love for JOHN BULL then, as our constant criticisms were mainly responsible for bringing about his punishment.

After his sojourn in jail he started another paper called the *Financial Independent*, which followed the lines of his previous publications.

And now comes *The Investor* in which we are to be exposed, to say nothing of "everybody connected with us." How we tremble!

We regard Appleton's vendetta as a compliment, for it shows how incensed the great kings of fraudulent finance are over the effective publicity directed against them by JOHN BULL, whose only aim is to protect the public from such arrant and unscrupulous rogues.

LONG-FIRM CHIEF UNMASKED

HUGE SILK TRADE SWINDLE

Pawns in the Game

THE problem of coping with commercial frauds, which in recent years have increased to an overwhelming extent, is causing the police not a little uneasiness.

They are well aware that the majority of big long-firm frauds are operated by master rogues, yet they seem powerless to bring these rascals to book. It is true that frequent arrests are made, but it is only the pawns in the game who are sent to jail.

These pawns are themselves very wily tricksters. They know they are playing with fire and fully expect to be burned; but they have no objection to being apprehended and sent to jail, being well paid by the master rogues in the background.

One exceedingly active and clever "pawn" is known as Jack Marks, of Berner Street, Commercial Road, E. His real name, however, is John Van Kemp, and he is a member of a gang of youthful thieves who practise commercial frauds in a manner which outrivals rogues of older generation.

Honour among thieves

A couple of years ago he was associated with John Harrison, the man who figured recently in a sensational case at the Old Bailey, where he was sentenced to a term of penal servitude for being concerned in the manufacture of spurious notes.

Harrison was not the real culprit. This was an individual who remained in the background, and many people "in the know" thought that Harrison would "split" on him during his trial. He did not, however, and the real counterfeiter is still at large.

This is interesting in regard to Jack Marks, for Marks was a disciple of Harrison, and under his direction has carried out many daring frauds, whilst Harrison was himself directed by the master rogue to whom we have referred.

One case may be cited briefly as an example. Some time ago the master rogue, who passes by a variety of names—Smullen and Rosenthal being amongst his favourite aliases—instructed Harrison to "frame up" a silk robbery in the City.

Moves in the game

Harrison's first move was to set himself up as a trader with a fictitious business name and offices in the West End. Then he supplied Marks with money to open a "business" in the City.

Marks rented an office there and, in company with the other scoundrel named Gregory, who had been several times convicted, began to order silk goods from traders, giving Harrison's faked West End business as a reference.

Thousands of pounds' worth of goods were obtained from unsuspecting traders and "sold" to Harrison's bogus West End firm. The East End office was then shut down and Marks disappeared.

He was finally apprehended and sent to jail, but Harrison, and the real organiser of the swindle managed to escape.

On another occasion Marks went to an Aldersgate Street firm and, by presenting false credentials, obtained some valuable furs on credit, ultimately "paying" for them with a cheque that was dishonoured.

In the same way he obtained a quantity of ladies' dresses from a firm in Little Tichfield Street, W.

At one time Marks also made quite a business of dealing in stolen cheques, buying them from thieves for a few coppers, and then faking them for his own ends. His victims amongst small traders are legion.

Marks, then, and scores of others like him, form very able confederates for the big man behind the scenes. Needless to say the latter scoundrel is very wealthy. His name never figures in the actual literature of the bogus concerns, hundreds of which he is operating to-day.

Apart from young "pawns" like Marks he employs a gang of swindlers in the East End who dispose of the stolen goods.

Getting on the track

We have shown how they are accounted for in the first place by being "sold" to an intermediate confederate who conducts a bogus business, showing complete and apparently bona-fide entries in his books.

This confederate actually passes them on to other members of the gang, who, in turn, dispose of them to cheap traders, who finally sell them in places like "Petticoat Lane" and Aldgate Market.

Another method is to distribute the goods amongst confederates in the provinces, who peddle the stuff from door to door after first preparing the way with circulars calling attention

John Harrison

to the fact that they have "unclaimed goods" and "salvage stock" for sale.

These circulars bear fictitious names of the "company" selling the stolen goods—names which are never used twice.

When the goods pass through so many hands the task which faces the police is a very big one, but we can give them a practical tip.

If they care to look up the records of, say, 100 bogus bankruptcies of the Marks type and investigate the disposal of the goods they should be able to trace them to certain addresses where consignment after consignment has been sent by the "firms" who were supposed to buy them.

If these firms are asked to prove how they paid for them, when and to whom they passed them for disposal, much might be done in the way of getting on the track of the master mind who favours such aliases as Rosenthal and Smullen amongst a dozen other bogus names.

COME IN, JOHN WILLIE!

Inducements offered to persons to part with money are ingenious and call for alertness

A FAIRY-TALE SYNDICATE

A PROSPECTUS which will probably fill a good many simple souls with delight was recently issued by the "1926" Syndicate, of 77, Great Portland Street, W.

"Small outlay, huge profits" is a slogan dear to the heart of most people, and it is to be found in bold type on the present prospectus.

On turning the title-page we are met by the following announcement: "For you!—not for the crowd. Your chance is now! To-morrow may be too late!"

The reader is then told that the "1926" Syndicate will appeal to everyone, "but, unfortunate as it may be, it is not possible to extend its benefits to more than a very few."

Selected simple souls

Now isn't that splendid? What a nice, kind syndicate to pick upon a few people whom it has never heard of and offer them such wonderful "enjoyment."

Of course, the simple souls specially selected for the favours read on eagerly to find how their fortunes are going to be made for them by their Fairy-Godmother Syndicate.

They learn that the business of the syndicate is confined "to certain Turf Investments" and that the methods employed are proved over a period of many years.

Doubt dispelled

If there is any doubt in their minds they are soon put at their ease by the assurance that there is no element of risk as the operations have been inaugurated and compiled "by men intimately associated with racing."

"Where else can you get enormous profits like these?" the chosen few are asked. "£100 provides an income of £600 a year; £20 provides you with an income of £120 a year"; or, more remarkable still, "£100 becomes £4,000 in two years."

Astonishing! says the circular. Yet the readers are assured that "these are facts and figures taken over a period of a number of years. They are the positive truth without any embellishments or trimmings whatsoever.

"What a happy position for the few that are able to participate! There is nothing to do except take your share of the profits."

For the benefit of those who are hard to convince a "guarantee" is given, to the effect that £500 will be paid to any charity if the actual figures quoted in the literature "are not substantially correct, or if they are in any way misleading."

The chosen ones are invited to purchase units of £5, the syndicate being limited to 200 such units.

One point may strike even the simplest soul as strange, and that is a statement to the effect that the syndicate does not start operations for a week or two.

Leisurely haste

Anyone, therefore, who may wish to investigate its genuineness has plenty of time to do so.

This is certainly very nice to know, but it is difficult to reconcile it with the numerous exhortations throughout the circular to decide at once. "To-morrow may be too late," yet you "have plenty of time."

Subscribers will certainly have plenty of time to make enquiries, but once they have parted with their money we are afraid they will find it is too late to effect any recovery.

For investigations show that the philanthropic syndicate is lodged in a tiny office with a firm of bookmakers known as "A. Jason and Co."

A young man who was found in charge explained that he was Mr. Jason, and it soon appeared that he was likewise the "1926" Syndicate.

The inaugurators and compilers, the men intimately associated with racing, were not in evidence.

Ominous omission

Reference to the Registry of Business Names discloses the fact that the person trading as "A. Jason and Co." is named Sidney Eustace Bollen, his residence being given as 140, Brownhill Road, Catford.

So we leave it to the "chosen few" to decide whether they will accept Mr. Bollen's remarkable offer.

Perhaps it will help them if we tell them that up till a recent date there was no registration of the "1926" Syndicate, a point which merits the attention of the Board of Trade.

INNOCENT MAN FIRED

BRIGHT CAREER BLIGHTED

Victim's Appeal for Redress

THE terrible sufferings of a former employee of a firm whose name is known to motorists far and wide have just been brought to our notice.

Martin Phelan, for some time emp'oyed as a driver-salesman by the National Benzole Company, Ltd., was held in such high esteem that several of the firm's customers subscribed to a fund which enabled him to secure legal aid to refute accusations of embezzlement which the firm made against him at the Salford Police Court.

Phelan was discharged, blameless and without a stain on his character, when the case against him collapsed on October 19 last.

About a month later—on November 17, to be exact—Phelan lodged a claim for unemployment benefit at the Salford Employment Exchange.

The Ministry of Labour officials made enquiries of his late employers, and, ten days later, Phelan was handed an official buff form which filled him with indignation.

A hopeless position

It recorded the astounding fact that the National Benzole Co., Ltd., had informed the Ministry of Labour that Phelan had terminated his employment with them through the embezzlement of small amounts in collusion with Depot Clerk H. E. Lawless, and that he had been "dismissed for dishonesty," without any mention of the charge being dismissed.

Phelan was given three days in which to furnish any observation on the matter, and the same buff form drew his attention to the fact that "an insured contributor is disqualified for receiving unemployment benefit if he has lost employment through his misconduct."

"Through his misconduct." And his late employers had stated that he was "dismissed for dishonesty."

Phelan realised that he was in a hopeless position and that there was little chance of obtaining the benefit which he so badly needed, and to which he was most certainly entitled.

Terrible distress

It is difficult to understand the action of the National Benzole Company in furnishing such damning information with regard to Phelan *after* his innocence had been clearly and definitely established in a court of law.

In consequence of this entire disregard of the police-court judgment, Phelan, his wife, and their four boys, ages nine, five, three and a half, and fourteen months, have been "down and out" in one room.

They have been reduced to depend entirely on parish relief, and have had to pawn or sell practically all their belongings.

A man who is so respected by certain of his firm's customers that they come to his aid in time of trouble is an employee of whom a reputable firm might have reason to be proud, and in the circumstances Phelan reasonably might expect at least an apology, if not some compensation for his unnecessary sufferings.

But, so far, the National Benzole Company, although it has been approached, has not displayed any inclination to help out of his distress the enterprising young driver-salesman who, during his service, handled sums totalling several thousand pounds.

Honesty tested

Many a day, young Phelan—he is only thirty—came back to the firm's Manchester depot with his wallet containing from £50 to £70.

We think Phelan might claim against the company for wrongful dismissal, and compensation for his own and his family's sufferings during the past seven months, but, of course, he is not in a position to fight a legal battle.

For seven months Phelan has been in desperation looking for work, and without a document to substantiate his story that he is innocent.

Fortunately, we have now been able to trace the documents which prove that Phelan was exonerated of the charges brought against him, and as a result assisted him in obtaining work with an employer who has a better idea of humanity than many.

HEARSE as AMBULANCE

INJURED BOY'S ORDEAL

Horsham Hospital Scandal

NUMEROUS letters have reached us from Horsham readers who declare that much indignation and resentment are felt locally as the result of a recent scandal, and we are urged to give the matter publicity in our columns.

As the question concerns a very grave issue we have no hesitation in dealing with it in the interests of the general public.

Horsham Hospital, it appears, was to be closed down between May 1 and May 23.

Not a very long period, certainly, but the local residents were very much perturbed to know what is to become of urgent cases which may arise in the neighbourhood while the hospital doors were barred.

And their apprehensiveness was heightened by a tragic foreshadowing of the possible consequences.

Patient's trying journey

Recently a young lad was knocked down by a motor-car and very seriously injured.

A doctor was summoned immediately and examination revealed the fact that the lad's legs were broken and that he had also sustained injuries to his hip.

The doctor pronounced that it would be "a long case," and as the Horsham Hospital was due to close for spring-cleaning in a few days' time, it was decided that the patient should be sent straight to Brighton for treatment.

This very grave decision having been arrived at, it was discovered that there was no ambulance available.

The ultimate result was that a hearse was pressed into service, and in this grim and comfortless vehicle the poor, injured lad had to be conveyed to Brighton.

Now it seems scandalous that the injured boy was not first sent to the local hospital for attention.

If he were deemed to be in a satisfactory condition for his removal to Brighton in an improvised ambulance, the argument that his was likely to be a long case does not seem to carry much weight.

For, when all is said and done, would it not have been much better to have had him properly attended to at Horsham Hospital and then to have sent him on to Brighton, when he was stronger and when there had been time to secure a proper ambulance?

Antiquated ambulance

The local ambulance, so an indignant reader informs us, "is worn out. It was used in the war and has been in use here since.

"When it was wanted in this case it took twenty minutes to start it up. In that time the hearse was well on its way."

What the sufferings of the patient were during his journey of twenty odd miles we cannot tell; but it requires no imagination to realise that he must have endured considerable agony.

By the time this ordeal was over, it is likely that his maimed limbs were so swollen that the operation of setting was rendered more painful and difficult than it might otherwise have been.

In view of this terrible instance, which occurred *before* Horsham Hospital was actually closed, can it be wondered at that the local residents were apprehensive as to what might happen *after* it was closed?

Extraordinary decision

The main road which runs through the town of Horsham is always thronged with traffic, and serious accidents are liable to occur at any time.

But, quite apart from accidents, there is the question of sickness, and one would have thought that the decision to close the entire hospital for three weeks or so could have been avoided.

Surely it would have been possible to keep one ward open during the cleaning, or at any rate to maintain an emergency bed for the reception of such cases as the one to which we have referred.

Maud, the Mendicant

THE QUEEN OF THE CADGERS

A Tearful Tale-Teller.

MENDACIOUS MAUD is a lady of luxurious habits. She never appears to be short of money, and spends her cash as lavishly as the best patron of the best hotel. Few people, however, know where her money comes from.

Of course, she might be an heiress or a successful business woman; but as a matter of fact she is neither—unless one can term professional cadging a business.

She has all the finer points of the cadger's art at her finger-tips, and as she is very active just now, the public should be on its guard.

Mendacious Maud is no ordinary cadger; she works on a very extensive scale and literally coins money. Peers are her most paying victims.

How she operates

Her plan is quite ingenious. She writes long, tearful letters, usually claiming acquaintance with some deceased relative of her victims; and, to give colour to her agonising epistles, she encloses debt-recovery forms, ordering her to pay arrears of rent or face legal proceedings.

The most flagrant part of her whining stories is to be found in the fact that the debt-recovery notices are mostly made out by herself and are therefore false.

We exposed her long ago; but she has recently been conducting a campaign against professional men of all classes, and a further warning is necessary.

She is following her favourite course of pretending to be related or connected in some way with her victims' departed relatives, or, in the case of barristers, with their most interested professional clients.

In every case the eternal blue forms are enclosed and "a little temporary assistance" is requested.

Where safety Lies

This artful lady passes under a variety of names. Sometimes she signs herself Tarling, sometimes Dundas, and sometimes Handyside. She has also a number of addresses, most of which are merely places where letters are taken in.

The Charity Organisation Society and the police in various parts of the country have received complaints about her for years from people who, unlike most of her dupes, have not swallowed all her fairy tales.

She has been convicted about ten times for fraud, and comes of a "begging letter" family, her husband and brother having both been His Majesty's guests for such swindles.

The only safe way to avoid being taken in is to discard begging letters of every description.

But if you feel that you would like to help a case if it is genuine, make a few enquiries into its bona-fides before sending any cash. We shall be pleased to advise you.

LABOUR leaders lose sight of what should be their chief concern and interest. Dabbling in politics and truckling with revolutionaries is not their job. Whilst they are tinkering with these outside matters the interests of the people they claim to represent is left neglected and national interests also suffer.

Milking a Dry Cow

by **ARNOLD F. HOLT**

I KNOW many trade union leaders, sectional and national. I have met them at congresses and conferences, in hotels and clubs, in their own homes and in mine. I have always considered that they take too narrow a view of their jobs.

In spite of their sincerity and their keenness, I do not think that they do as much for the prosperity of the people they represent as a wider view might render possible.

They confine their activities to organisation, propaganda, and negotiations with employers. They take little thought as to method of increasing the prosperity of the trade in which their members are engaged. That is regarded as a matter for the employers.

I want to relate how an American trade-union official went right outside what is regarded over here as a union official's normal sphere, and who, by so doing, did more for the material benefit of his members that he could have done in a lifetime spent in the rut.

I am not an uncritical admirer of America or of the Americans, but, surely, if we see that a certain course of action has greatly benefited the workers, we ought not to condemn it because it is American, but examine it, and, when possible, copy it.

When recrimination was rife

In 1920 the engineering trades in the United States began to suffer from a great slump. As we know, the arrival of a slump in trade usually results in the development of an anti-union bias on the part of many employers.

The latter may be short-sighted and unimaginative, but the position they take up is at least understandable.

They see orders going past them because their prices are too high, and they at once begin to argue that if they can reduce cost by reducing wages or increasing hours they can recapture lost markets and regain prosperity.

So the American engineering employers argued in 1920; so employers in every other country have argued. In the States the employers opened up an attack on the trade unions because they knew that the unions would resist any attack on wages.

They announced that in future they would no longer negotiate with or recognise trade unions; that in future their works would be open to both union and non-union men; and that there would be certain specified reductions in wages.

The men struck, naturally, but the unions were in a hopeless position from the beginning. The men were tremendously handicapped by the slump in trade. The position of the masters was enormously strengthened by their vast accumulation of war profits.

How re-action set in

As there were no orders to be got which, under pre-strike conditions, they could execute at a profit, they could afford to let their works remain idle until their employees had exhausted their resources and were ready to resume work on the employers' terms.

This attack on the engineering unions, which began in one state, spread, as was intended and, indeed, was inevitable, and it appeared also inevitable that the result could only be the nullification of all the work of the International Federation of Machinists in securing the recognition of the union, the closing of works against non-union labour, and high wages for the workers.

The union had secured these advantages while the industry boomed. The slump would compel the giving-up of every gain, unless the slump could be fought.

In 1921 the Mexican Government had worked out a great reconstruction scheme which would necessitate the placing of large orders in other countries, principally for engineering supplies.

The railway system was to be reconstructed and extended, and therefore engines, carriages, rails and all the other equipment needed on or about a railway would have to be ordered.

Agriculture was to be aided by the development of an up-to-date system of irrigation, for which pipes, pumps, sluices, etc., would be needed, and by large purchases of farming implements and machinery which would be re-sold to the farmers on the instalment system.

Sugar mills, oil-drilling machinery and many other engineering products were also to be ordered.

Very Smart Initiative

Had W. H. Johnston, President of the International Association of Machinists, not intervened, the majority of these orders would have been placed on this side of the Atlantic, although not necessarily in Britain. Germany would probably have secured the lion's share.

The United States would have been ruled out, because Mexico had suffered greatly at the hands of "smart" Americans who had sold unsophisticated Mexicans knives that would not cut, ploughs that would not plough, machines of cast-iron labelled "steel," and so on.

President Obregon and his Cabinet determined to end this exploitation of their people.

The President of the Machinists went to see the President of Mexico, explained to him the conditions then ruling in the engineering industry in the States, and told the President that if his Government would place the orders in the States, and place them only with firms observing trade union conditions, then his union would guarantee every job.

Crowned with success

The negotiations then opened by one industrial ambassador, Johnston, were completed by another Davidson, the secretary of Johnston's union, five months later, when he reported to the members through the union journal.

"I discussed with President Obregon the proposition of undertaking an agreement by which the Mexican Government would purchase its machinery and supplies through the I.A.M.; we, in turn, guaranteeing the products manufactured by our members would reach the standard of quality required by the Mexican Government, and that we should render every possible assistance to the Mexican Government in its purchase of machinery and equipment. This was agreed by the President."

A formal contract was drawn up, signed on behalf of Mexico by six members of the Government, and in behalf of the union by its officials, and great contracts have been placed, with the results that Mr. Johnston foresaw.

Not merely were thousands of unemployed engineers found employment, but, as only orders were to be given to concerns which observed trade

Mr. Arnold F. Holt, the writer of this important article, is a rising young publicist who will soon be better known to our readers.

union conditions, many of the employers who because of the slump had attacked unions and wages, began immediately to reconsider their position.

The step Mr. Johnston took was off the union official's beaten track, but it succeeded where the whole power of the International Association of Machinists had failed.

Triumph for the unions

Mr. Johnston saw, what so many of our union officials fail to see, that the prosperity of an industry ought to be the first thought of the officials of the men engaged in the industry.

Instead of the prosperity of a concern being only the concern of the proprietors of it, it is infinitely more the concern of the people employed in it.

The head of a concern who is struggling hard to keep its doors open can offer little encouragement to the union leader who goes to him to demand increased pay for the workers. The official is in a different position when he goes to a concern with more orders than it can meet.

It is not, as a rule, difficult to get milk from a full cow, but not even an east-ender would expect milk from a moribund goose.

I termed Mr. Johnston and Mr. Davidson "industrial ambassadors." They are not the only American union leaders with the ambassadorial spirit, and similar contracts to that of the engineers with Mexico will no doubt be arranged, as and when opportunity offers, with the governments of other American republics.

By so doing they will, I admit, increase the profits of the shareholders, but it seems to me the height of folly to refuse to help in the rehabilitation of an industry, because some non-workers would share in the returning prosperity.

Off with the blinkers

That is the attitude many so-called leaders take to-day, who do not realise that by so doing they are aiming a blow at the underpaid and the unemployed.

It seems, also, too much like looking at the wrong end of the stick. A dry cow doesn't give milk.

If trade union leaders really desire to milk industry for the benefit of the workers they should first get the industrial cow into a milkable condition. That is the policy of America.

Candid Communications

Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities

To the Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P.,
10, Downing Street, S.W.

DEAR PREMIER,—You have come out of the big strike with a very increased measure of affection and respect from the nation you represent. As in duty bound, you withstood the strike as a menace to the British Constitution, but you did it with a restraint and reasonableness worthy of all praise. You have earned the right to wear your self-chosen title "a Man of Peace." JOHN BULL.

To Mr. ARTHUR PUGH,
Chairman, Trades Union Congress.

DEAR SIR,—You did the obviously common-sense thing in calling off the general strike. I do not, for one moment, doubt your sincerity in deeming the late struggle a purely industrial dispute, but I must point out the fallacy of your position. A general strike, stopping the essential services of the country, automatically becomes political, in so far as it challenges the authority of the Government and sets up a trade-union dictatorship. Therefore, the Government, *the elected representatives* of the British people was bound to fight to end it. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. VISCOUNT CAVE, G.C.M.G.,
Lord Chancellor.

MY LORD,—You must have had very curious sensations when Lord Buckmaster succeeded in getting a majority of the Lords to vote in favour of Birth Control knowledge being available to all. Seldom has retribution fallen so swiftly. You must have thought many times that evening of your judgment in the Stopes-Sutherland trial when you roundly denounced the advocate of this very concession. JOHN BULL.

To Sir HAROLD BOWDEN,
Raleigh Cycle Co., Ltd., Holborn Viaduct.

DEAR SIR,—Your scheme for profit-sharing and your plea for a new spirit in industry are fine. You want to see human relations maintaineed between employers and employees, and are able to strengthen your remarks by showing how excellently these exist in the industry to which you belong. Why your suggestion to hold an "Industrial Locarno" is not acted upon I cannot imagine. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. C. P. TREVELYAN, M.P.,
Great College Street, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—Your measure to secure to the public the right of access to mountains and moorlands is happily backed by enlightened men of all Parties. Given safeguards against trespass in pursuit of eggs, fire-lighting, encamping and damage, it should be impossible for owners and occupiers of such uncultivated ground to exclude others from Nature's glory lands. I wish your Bill success. JOHN BULL.

To Sir HENRY MADDOCKS, K.C.,
Brick Court, Temple, E.C.

DEAR SIR,—I tender you my warm congratulations on the zealous service you have rendered to Mrs. Mary Christian Venn. She sues as a poor person, wherefore you are receiving no fees; yet through two trials you have sacrificed substantial emoluments in order to serve her need. A third has yet to come. The Bar of England is the stronger for your splendid example. JOHN BULL.

To the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,
Bethnal Green.

DEAR SIR,—Once more you draw the city's attention to the terrible state of housing in your district. As examples, you give the cases of father, mother, and six children living in an indescribably filthy room 12 ft. by 10 ft.; of a husband and three children who had to sit out on the stairs while another little life was issued into the world. I can only hope your bringing home the facts will help to end the scandal. JOHN BULL.

To the PRESIDENT, and MEMBERS,
Association British Chambers of Commerce.

GENTLEMEN,—The suggestion put forward at your annual meeting that the Government should call in experienced chartered accountants to put the public accounts in order and effect economies is sound and practical. The waste and muddle that would involve any private business in serious trouble is not less reprehensible because a few statesmen are able to play tricks. I can assure you the taxpayer is restive. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. W. CLARKE HALL,
Old Street Police Court, E.C.

DEAR SIR,—Your humane sympathies were again in evidence on the occasion of your recent visit to the Speedwell Club, an East End hostel for girls who, having been charged at police-courts, are without homes or friends. It is a fine thing to see a magistrate prepared to step down from his pedestal and lend a hand to lift up the fallen. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. St. JOHN MORROW,
West Ham Police Court.

DEAR SIR,—I am gratified that when Arthur King was summoned to your court and convicted of killing a cat under circumstances of most revolting cruelty you did not fine him, but gave him a month's imprisonment with hard labour. I have always advocated imprisonment for cruelty, and I am glad to find you have the courage to inflict it on persons convicted of this mean, cowardly crime. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. J. G. COTTAM,
Beckenham Road, Nottingham.

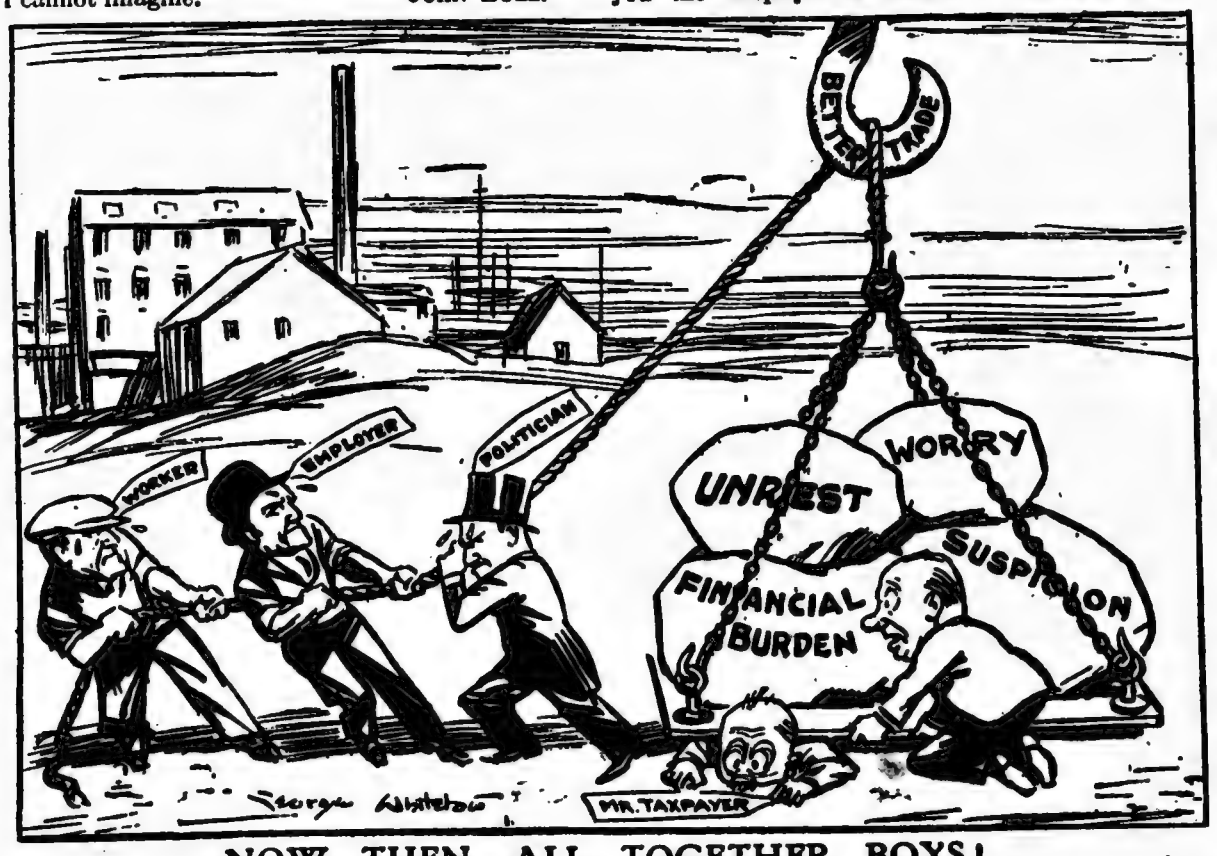
DEAR SIR,—I heartily congratulate you, along with your brother and your sister, Mrs. Bonner, in establishing your joint claim to a locked-up fortune of £30,000. To get money out of Chancery is nearly as difficult as getting butter out of a dog's throat, but you have managed it, though the money has lain there for nearly ninety years. I can truly say I'm glad to hear of your luck. JOHN BULL.

To Major R. GLYN, M.P., M.C.,
Seymour Street, W.

DEAR SIR,—I agree with you that a distinction should be drawn between "legal language" and "plain English." If people spoke plain English, and wrote plain English all the time, especially if contracts between lender and borrower were drawn up in plain English, borrowers would be protected, a great deal of misery be prevented, and fools and their money would part company less easily. That is one of the urgent reasons for the Moneylenders Bill being passed speedily into law. JOHN BULL.

To Commissioner ADELAIDE COX,
The Salvation Army.

DEAR MADAM,—For nearly forty years you have devoted your life to helping friendless women and the experience has but confirmed your faith. In every human heart, however overlaid by sin and misery, there is a chord of beauty that can be touched by sympathy and made to sound. Now you relinquish your command of social work within the United Kingdom to take up oversight of the women's work at International Headquarters. May success still attend your ministry of healing. JOHN BULL.



NOW THEN, ALL TOGETHER BOYS!

Straight from the Shoulder

MR. LLOYD GEORGE:—"The most expensive thing in a town is fresh air."

The most expensive thing in a town is lack of fresh air, paid for in disease, misery and crime.

DEAN INGE:—"A religion succeeds, not because it is true, but because it suits its worshippers."

A religion that squares practice with precept may succeed. None other can.

SIR J. MARRIOTT, M.P.:—"I do not think anybody is greatly in love with economy in the concrete."

What people hate is economy on wrong objects, enforced at the bayonet point.

DR. T. J. MACNAMARA:—"People are more and more determined that their children shall have a better chance than they had."

And more and more hampered by politicians from realising their determination.

Without Fear or Favour—

—by The Editor

GET ON WITH THE JOB!

Truth at Last

THERE is one part of Mr. Churchill's Budget speech to which we wish to draw specific attention. "The customs duties on artificial silk," he said, "have been paid by the foreigner. . . . It is, however, my duty to admit that, while the cost to the public has not been increased by the artificial silk tax, we have probably intercepted to a very large extent a reduction which would otherwise have reached the consumer."

It probably did not occur to Mr. Churchill that the two parts of this sentence are absolutely contradictory. At any rate, he is firmly impaled upon the horns of a dilemma.

Either the foreigner has not paid the tax, in which case the consumer has paid by paying prices that, had it not been for the tax, would have been lower; or else by putting on a duty which the foreigner has paid, the Chancellor has enabled artificial silk firms to profiteer to the exact extent of the tax.

It has always been the cry of the protectionist that the foreigner would pay the tax. It is, we think, the first time that a Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer, despite the fact that he thought he was saying something very different, has admitted in plain English that that beautiful idea is a fallacy.

It may safely be assumed that what has happened to artificial silk will happen to every commodity that has been protected.

We are much obliged to Mr. Churchill for so ably demonstrating the truth of our contention that protection inevitably raises prices.

Good from Evil

WE never had the slightest sympathy with the attempt of trade unions to stifle the Press during the strike. Neither, we are certain, had the vast majority of trade unionists.

No one fears the truth except those whom truth will expose in their true light. Any man who attempts to stifle the freedom of the Press, anyone who wishes to extinguish free speech, and commandeer opinion, stamps himself for what he is.

Such an attempt could never succeed. No one can kill freedom nor quench the spirit that freedom breathes.

The trade unions have now agreed never again to interfere with the freedom of the Press.

There is no sensible person in the country who will not welcome this. There is no sensible person who will not join with us in congratulating the trade unions on the wisdom of their decision.

Freedom is always worth fighting for, and it surprised us that the trade unions, who owe so much to those who once were martyrs that the unions might live, should so soon have forgotten the lessons of their own history.

They have chosen wisely now, and the vindication of the right to speak freely without let or hindrance is another victory for the commonsense that has pulled us through the whole miserable affair.

The Path to Prosperity

LET us all pull together. Good feeling and just treatment will help to repair the ravages of the General Strike far more quickly than recrimination and resentment.

IN the last few weeks this country has passed through a test from which few nations could have emerged unscathed.

The General Strike of 1926 will go down in history as a monument to the abiding calm and fortitude of the British people.

It has been our heritage in the past to stand four-square and firm in the face of economic crises such as this, crises which would have swayed other nations into revolution and disaster.

To-day we have proved to the world that the best instincts of our race are as deep-rooted and unchangeable as ever they were.

We have avoided disaster by a display of statesmanship on the one hand and an exhibition of disciplined good temper on the other.

This is a tremendous fact. It is something for which every one of us has reason to feel a deep pride. It is something which other nations cannot comprehend.

We have escaped disaster but we cannot escape a severe set-back to the national well-being. Causes have their effects, and a paralysis of the nation's production must inevitably be followed by a period of trade shrinkage and industrial depression.

We face the facts, but we see no reason to despair. Rather do we see an immense cause for optimism. We look forward. We refuse to look back.

THE spirit that sprang to the rescue of the nation must be kept alive. The spirit that maintained the essential services of the nation and preserved order and discipline must be loosed on industry and permeate every factory and workshop in the land.

Where before it was a struggle of section against section, of workers against the nation, it must now be a struggle of a nation of workers against the effects of an interruption in the flow of trade and progress.

Workers by hand or brain, black coats and shirt sleeves, man and woman, all have a duty to their country that transcends everything else.

That duty is to work with a will, look forward with cheerful optimism, pull hard and pull together.

It is the croaker and the pessimist who to-day is the enemy of his country. It is the sulky and resentful, whether he be employer or employed, who is the stumbling-block in the way of reconstruction.

JOHN BULL will continue as before to believe that the British Nation has no equal on the face of the earth when it comes to facing odds and winning through.

There are only two alternatives before the Nation now. It can either go forward to a prosperity greater than it has ever known, or its can lose its opportunity and sink back into petty strife and decay.

We know which it will choose. The final outcome of this business will be a regenerated nation, a revitalised industry and a new spirit of harmony and content.

Britain will win through.

BRITAIN will win through, as she has won through in the past. The retreat from the industrial Mons will be turned into a smashing victory for sanity and goodwill.

The employers must have as their motto "Fair play for the workers." The workers must reciprocate with "Fair play for the employers."

This country has never had so great a chance to sweep all squabbling and bitterness into oblivion.

The responsibility on each one of us is enormous to see that nothing is done that may retard recovery by a single minute; and to see that nothing is left undone that can help in any way whatever to that end.

Let us take off our coats and get down to it.

THE Prime Minister, whose statesmanship and moderation saved his country from disaster and whose wisdom is now healing the breach and bringing all parties together.

Waiting Markets

WHILE we have never had any sympathy with those who persist in believing that the particular brand of politics now obtaining in Russia should be adopted by this country, we have always believed that it is quite impossible permanently to keep Russia outside the circle of European trade.

It is becoming a common phenomenon to find that, wherever business men congregate, there is some talk of trade possibilities with Russia.

It seems to us all part of the mad game of politics that because we disagree with a country's internal government we should therefore refuse to have trade relations with that country.

As it is, there is a large amount of trade with Russia actually going on, more so perhaps between Russia and American than between Russia and Great Britain.

Russia has brought huge quantities of cotton from America, the payments for which were arranged by a large New York bank. In other instances American manufacturers have themselves arranged the necessary credits and institutions like the Equitable Trust of New York, and Lloyds and Rothschild's banks in London have given the Russians credit to enable trade to be facilitated.

We cannot understand why politicians of any Party waste their time in sending political missions to Russia. Whatever they discover—if they discover anything at all—has no particular interest for us.

What we cannot in the least comprehend is why this country does not send an official trade delegation to Russia to ignore politics altogether and discover once and for all what the trade possibilities are, and what methods would have to be adopted to reopen our access to that vast market.

If we do not do it some other country will. There is no reason on earth why whatever trade there is should not be obtained by us.

Thank God It's

by A. G. GARDI

HERE is a clarion call by our famous contributor for p answered. It was a big fight, but there were big he the bitterness and resentment of strife's aftermath. Th is the time to shake hands in good faith and with honou peace of the Nation w

BRITISH industry was not shattered by the general strike, but certain reputations were. Sir Herbert Samuel, Chairman of the Coal Commission, was the one man who, all through, kept to the clean path of reconciliation His unofficial intervention saved the situation.

THANK God it's over. That, whatever view we take and whatever share we have had in the recent conflict, will be the universal feeling.

It has been a hideous nightmare. Like all war, it has been cruel and savage and silly, ruthless in the suffering it has inflicted, indiscriminate in the penalties it has imposed, wasteful beyond all calculation, profitless to everybody except the hooligan.

In little more than a week it delivered a more staggering blow to the interests of this country than any similar episode in our history. If ever a nation cut its own throat before the eyes of the world in broad daylight we have done it.

The priests of barbaric religion who leap on their altars and mutilate themselves in a frenzy of fanaticism do not offer a more pitiable spectacle than we have offered. Now that we have come to our senses let us consider what it was all about, who was to blame and what we have to do to make the recurrence of such a disaster impossible.

Set down without malice

I shall try to discuss the matter temperately, without heat and certainly without that "malice and vindictiveness" which Mr. Baldwin has so wisely uttered a warning. The nation has won a great victory. Let us see that we use it to great ends.

I write as one who has always believed in Trade Unionism and also believes in Trade Unionism still. In the past trade unionism has done priceless service to the working classes of this country.

It has given the individual protection against injustice. It has given the men the power of collective bargaining without which they would have been at the mercy of any exploiter. It has kept the balance even between employer and employed and has been one of the factors in building up that great industrial structure which has been the admiration and the envy of the world.

I have never met a responsible and enlightened employer in any great industry who, whatever his irritations under the system, desired to see it abolished and labour reduced to a disorganised rabble.

What might have been

Suddenly this powerful institution came into collision with the nation on a scale which can only be described in the terms of civil war. It used its strength with the object of delivering a swift knock-out blow which by imperilling the very existence of the State should bring it to its knees.

If it had succeeded it would have wrought revolution. It would have transferred the seat of power in this country from Parliament to the Trades Union Executive, from the Government we all elect to a government which only trade unions elect. It would have put us under a tyranny as intolerable as any tyranny of king or oligarchy against which the nation has rebelled in the past.

Every trade dispute would have had behind it the terror of the General Strike and before that terror the nation would have ceased to call its soul its own. It would have lived on sufferance.

It would have been "Hands up!" at every step of the journey and the freest and most democratic people in the world would have been reduced to servitude to an oligarchy as tyrannous as that which has made desolation of Russia.

I do not say and I do not believe that that was in the minds of the majority of the men or even a considerable portion of the men who at the bidding of their leaders suddenly declared war on the nation.

The British workman is not a revolutionist. He is not an Anarchist. He is not a Marxian. He is not a theorist of any sort. He just wants the best he can get out of life like the rest of us. Nor do I believe that the most responsible leaders of the men had this revolutionary goal in view.

I am not here going into the merits of the conflict in the coal trade. I have every sympathy with the case of the coal miners. Their calling is hard, dangerous, precarious. No class in the country has a greater claim on the public gratitude.

Half-baked Idealists

I believe that claim is recognised and that everybody wants to see their condition and standard of life maintained and improved. I am sure that the bulk of those who struck against the life of the nation did so not because they wanted to overthrow Parliament, but because they honestly believed they were helping the miners.

Some undoubtedly saw in the occasion the opportunity for inaugurating that larger political policy of an industrial Soviet which was turned down at the Trades Union Congress last year, but whatever motive, the challenge was directed against the constitution. If it had succeeded the nation would have been under the heel of a tyranny as cruel and insufferable as any that could be devised.

It did not succeed. It broke helplessly against an outraged and resolute public opinion. The Trades Unions had misjudged their own strength. They had under-estimated the strength of the nation. They had reckoned on a knock-out blow, sudden, paralysing, irresistible.

Meeting the situation

It failed and the struggle entered on a war of endurance in which from the first it was clear that the nation must be victorious. It showed that it could live in spite of the paralysis of the machine by which it had been accustomed to live. It prepared to endure. It improvised new methods of pursuing its activities. It walked long miles to its work. It got out ramshackle bicycles. It crowded into lorries. It bore every inconvenience cheerfully and resolutely. And it broke the strike.

As a people I think we are entitled to think well of the way in which we passed through this great social upheaval. I doubt whether any other country in the world would have done as well.

In all those eight tremendous days of conflict not a shot was fired and so far as I know not a person was killed by a deliberate act of violence.

Seven times as large as the Roman Empire —one quarter of the world's population. Here is the real League of Nations

"THE League of Nations" is now a household phrase. What it means exactly is not quite clear to all who use it.

If asked, the average man or woman would probably reply: "I don't know, and I can't be bothered to attempt to understand its full meaning; but I believe it represents an honest attempt on the part of certain statesmen to make war impossible in the future.

The Earl of Meath

"This is good enough for me. We have suffered so terribly from war since 1914, that any measure which will tend even in the remotest idea towards the elimination of war from the earth's surface, will always receive my utmost enthusiastic support."

Quite so. We all desire peace, and hate war.

But would it not be well, before giving the League of Nations a blank cheque which we shall have to sign, to make close enquiry into the powers possessed by the League, and into the nature and force at its disposal, to make its will respected and effective?

The Sixty-Eig

However much we may hate the idea of force as being necessary in the management of human affairs, as long as the heart of man remains what it is, our commonsense and experience will continue to warn us, that without force in the background, it is futile to expect a peaceable acquiescence on the part of nations, especially in questions which effect the honour, the territory, or the prosperity of any litigating nation.

A League of Nations to be really effective should be composed of the representatives of all independent States. The majority of these are small in territory and weak in power and resources. It is self evident that the larger and more powerful States would not permit themselves to be outvoted by the smaller and weaker Powers.

TO avoid this danger, it has been found necessary to give the more powerful States a privileged position as permanent members of the League.

This arrangement has already aroused jealousies amongst the States which are on the border-line in regard to size, population, resources and civilisation.

Further complications are caused by the refusal of certain undoubtedly first-class Nations to join the League. Even supposing all the States eventually consent to join, what would happen if a division of opinion occurred between the more important and less important States, and the more important were outvoted?

It's All Over!

GARDINER

...tor for peace and goodwill. We know it will be ...re big hearts in both camps that can rise above ...ath. The common sense of Britain won. Now ...h honourable intent that in future the industrial ...Nation will be kept

In this encomium the strikers have their share. There was rough work in plenty, but most of it was done, not by trade unionists but by the hooligans who are always ready to turn times of public commotion to account.

If the struggle had to come it could not have been conducted in a better or more creditable spirit. The Government acted sensibly, thanks to the admirably cool and good-tempered spirit of Mr. Baldwin who kept his firebrands well in hand. There was force in the background as there was bound to be, but it was never ostentatious, never provocative.

The police behaved as they always behave, with moderation and good sense, and taken as a whole the conflict, which might so easily have been fraught with bitter memories leaves nothing behind for which as a people we need be ashamed.

We have had a great battle on the greatest of all issues—the issue of whether we govern ourselves or are governed by a class—and we have settled the issue finally. There will not be a General Strike in this country again, in our time.

A power behind the scenes

I don't think that even this cursory glance to this great happening in our life can omit a tribute to Sir Herbert Samuel. The strike would have broken in any case, but it would not have broken when it did, and not in the way it did, but for the work of Sir Herbert.

There is no more remarkable incident in the story of affairs than that of his adroit, skilful and entirely personal intervention in a situation which has reached an impasse, the Gordion Knot of which he unloosed with the ingenuity of a born diplomatist.

And now the crisis is over. The buses are not running "from the Bank to Mandalay," but they are running to Tooting, and the Riviera Express steams out from Paddington as of old. The carpenters and joiners and dockers and printers are back at work, and we can face the future with the cheerful confidence that a menace that has overhung our sky for years has been dispersed.

What is to be our attitude to the great power with which we have been in conflict? On this question Mr. Baldwin has spoken wisely and well. He has exhorted the nation to set about it's task without "malice or vindictiveness," to look forward rather than to indulge in recriminations about the past.

I hope that advice will prevail. It does not mean that we can act as though nothing had happened. Something has happened. Something of the first magnitude. Something that must not happen again. No Government and no Parliament would live which didn't take steps which will prevent it happening again.

Learning the big lesson

The General Strike is illegal. It has always been illegal. It is not a trade dispute; it is, whatever its origins, a conspiracy against the State. The preaching of such a policy has been tolerated because no Parliament and no Party wanted to raise an ugly issue so long as the weapon was not employed. But it has been employed, and the public must defend itself against its employment again.

This does not mean an interference with the right to strike in an industrial dispute. That right cannot be taken away, for, unions or no unions, no man can be compelled to work on conditions that he refuses to accept.

Nor does it mean any attempt to destroy the unions in so far as they are concerned to promote and defend the common interests of their members in the pursuit of their calling.

MR. ARTHUR PUGH, Chairman of the Trades Union Council which issued the order for four million men to cease work, so precipitating the greatest labour crisis in the world's history. Hitherto Mr. Pugh was comparatively unknown. He has now achieved fame.

It does mean, however, that a combination of the political purpose of compelling the Government to surrender to its terms by bringing the whole community to ruin will be treated as an act of war on society and put down with all the necessary power of State.

But I hope that that power will not need to be exercised. I hope the lesson of the Great Strike will lead the trade unionists to put their own house in order. They have been badly misled, and they have had a lesson which will not be lost upon them if they take it in the right spirit and think about it calmly.

The right spirit

They must get their movement back to the true functions of trade unionism, to the business of protecting the industrial interests of the members. They must get the virus of the political and revolutionary motive out of their system.

They must cease to regard the public as their enemy, as a sort of bloated monster that has battened on them, and must be beaten to its knees. They are a part of the public and every blow they strike at the public is struck at themselves. They are not a State within the State, and they cannot prosper by making the rest of us poor.

On the other hand, there should be no attempt at reprisals. The Trades Union Council having made war on society, wild men are now demanding that we should make war on trade unionism. That must not be done.

We have shown trade unionism that we will not allow it to be our tyrant and we must protect ourselves against any future act of war. We do not want to break the power of organised labour for the protection of its own legitimate interests.

After the storm—work

If the unions have done violence to us, the answer is not to do violence to them. The British workman is one of ourselves. He cannot help being one of ourselves.

We have had a domestic quarrel in which he was gravely in the wrong. We have shown him that he was in the wrong and that we are strong enough to protect ourselves against his attempt to crush us and starve us into surrender.

Let us take proper precautions against a repetition of this attack on our liberties; but having done that, let us show that we are not malicious or vindictive, that we are ready to shake hands, and get on with the job. The storm has cleared the air. If we are sensible we shall get great good out of the evil that has passed.

Eight Symbols

by **THE EARL OF MEATH, K.P., G.C.V.O., G.B.E.**

Would England consent to hand over the Isle of Wight to France, or the United States to hand over Long Island to Holland, or France to restore Alsace-Lorraine to Germany, or Italy to restore the Trentino and Venice to Austria, because a majority of small States should demand such cessions?

CERTAINLY not, especially if supported in their rebellion against the League's authority by some or all the greater Powers.

But there is already a powerful League of independent nations united by bonds far stronger than those which hold together the official League established at Geneva, and that is a League of British Commonwealths known as the British Empire.

This is united by strong bonds of sentiment, of loyalty to a common Sovereign, of economic interests, of past sacrifices in peace and war, by a common language, and by common laws and customs.

This league of British Commonwealths comprises one-fourth of the world's population—460 millions of people—and covers one-fourth of the surface of the globe. It is the greatest political fact the world has ever known.

There are about sixty-eight separate Empire flags, representing an equal number of portions of the Empire possessing more or less self-government. Can the League of Nations domiciled at Geneva point to as many symbols of individual self-government?

The League of Nations of the British Empire is seven times as large as the Roman Empire at its greatest extent; it is four times as large as the United States proper; and it would make sixty-five Germanys.

The British Empire includes the ancient United Kingdom; a mighty Dominion Canada; a giant Commonwealth, Australia; a vast Union, South Africa; and a splendid Empire, India. It is really a Company of Empires.

Its States and Provinces are found on every Continent and in every ocean. At present the greater part of the Empire has hardly begun to be developed. It could be made absolutely self-supporting.

Our Empire is the envy of all other nations. We should develop it with all our might, and buy British goods first.

The British Empire is the true League of Nations, and is the greatest power for civilisation and moral good next to the Christian Church.

IN working loyally towards the establishment of a League of Nations on the Geneva pattern, let us never forget that if that should fail, we already possess one at home which has already proved itself to be beneficent, powerful and worthy of the support of all God-fearing, freedom-loving peoples.

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WHEN we opened our Industrial Assurance campaign we were fully aware that many grave abuses existed, and that countless poor people were unaware of their rights; but little did we think that the scandal was so bad as has been disclosed by the vast volume of correspondence that has reached us.

It is almost impossible to describe in mere words the iniquitous wrongs that exist throughout the country.

For the moment, however, we are concerned regarding the position of a large number of policy-holders who do not understand their rights in respect of the documents they hold.

In this article, therefore, we wish to make it clear what really is the position in thousands of cases, in order to eliminate all shadow of doubt in the minds of puzzled policy-holders.

What the Act did

We make no apology for referring once again to the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act. Three or four hundred cases already dealt with by our Bureau prove that policy-holders are entitled to benefits under this Act, and the general tone of letters received shows that the majority do not quite understand the position.

The essential facts may be summed up as follows:

When the war broke out in 1914 the Government of that day passed an Act preventing, without an application to the court, the lapsing of any policy of £25 face value and under, the premiums in respect of which were payable at not longer than monthly intervals, and which had then been in force for two years and upwards, and the premiums paid for the period between August 4, 1912, and August 4, 1914.

This Act did not finally expire until March 7, 1924. Therefore, any policy that was in force in 1914 was still in force in March, 1924, even though no premium had been paid in the interval, and even though a lapse notice had been served upon the holder in respect of same.

We are fully alive to the fact that companies and societies everywhere delivered notices of lapse to policy-holders. What is important is that these policy-holders are not aware that such notices could not be enforced unless an application had been made to the court and an order made.

Legal liability ignored

It is estimated that when the Act was passed 20,000,000 policies were covered, but during the period of the war premiums were discontinued in innumerable cases and the policy-holders were led to believe that their interests had lapsed.

Therefore, when a death occurred or an endowment policy matured, no application was made for payment through the policy-holder's ignorance.

And what is more, when the companies were applied to in these cases they refused to pay out even though they were legally liable to do so.

A further point of most vital importance is that in countless cases representatives of companies and societies induced policy-holders to take out new insurances altogether.

In this way policy-holders were led either to surrender their old documents or to destroy them.

Old policies valid

Now we would like to make it very clear to any who may have taken up new policies in this way that the validity of their original cover is not affected. Claims may still be made under the old policies in cases where death has occurred or an endowment policy has matured.

We have mentioned that 20,000,000

Lord Cardross, President of the Hull Policy Holders' Protection Association, which has recovered over £25,000 in the last twelve months for policy-holders in the Hull district alone

policies were in force at the time of the passing of the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act, and it is estimated that when the Act terminated on March 7, 1924, no fewer than 4,000,000 lapsed on one and the same day.

What our postbag reveals

It is an undeniable fact that a very large sum was due in respect of deaths which had occurred amongst these 4,000,000 lapsed cases, and we strongly advise every person who held policies in 1914 to write to us fully.

Now, quite apart from queries arising under the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act, our post-bag has proved that in a large number of cases benefits are due in the form of "surrender values," "free policy values," etc.

We have no doubt that recovery can be made in very many cases by policy-holders whose friends are dead, and who were entitled to these values but did not lodge a claim.

As a striking instance we have before us documents received from a family in Sunderland. This family held twelve policies which were lapsed on one date in 1923 and upon which free policies are due.

The following are typical examples of cases with which we are dealing, and show how policy-holders have been deprived of their rights.

On September 18, 1911, Mr. Alexander, of Barnsley, insured himself for £25. After he had been called to the colours in 1914 his wife continued to pay the premiums until November, 1915, when circumstances made it impossible for her to do so any more.

A widow's dues

Mr. Alexander was killed in action in 1916, and so far as his widow knew the policy lapsed.

As a matter of fact, the policy was still valid under the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act and £25 is due to this widow, although ten years have elapsed since the death of her husband.

In fact, within a few days of the matter being taken up by our Industrial Assurance Bureau, the widow received a letter from the agent of the company saying that the £25 would be paid!

Another case is that of Mrs. Elizabeth Hall, of Kentish Town, who in 1908 took out an endowment policy on her own life, payable in fifteen years.

Premiums were paid for ten years, when through unforeseen difficulties they were discontinued. The policy matured in 1923 and the money is recoverable.

On the same life two other policies were in force for fifteen and sixteen years. These, too, are covered by the Act and benefits are due of which the insured knew nothing until she consulted us.

In 1911 two policies were taken out by Mrs. Rocheford, of Morley, near Leeds, and premiums were paid on both until June, 1921. Family troubles then made it impossible to continue payment.

In March, 1923, the person assured died, and the amount due could then have been claimed, less arrears of £1 2s.

No application was made as the next-of-kin was ignorant of her rights and the company concerned made no attempt to enlighten her.

All the foregoing cases have been taken up by us and we have no doubt that the people concerned will receive the money that is due to them.

The ever-ready help

Already we have dealt with scores of similar claims, and we have no hesitation in saying that they could be multiplied throughout the land.

Queries received show that there is another class of policy-holder entitled to benefits that are not clearly understood.

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Crooks in the Secret Service

THE League of Nations has done useful work in enquiring into the operations of the international armament trusts. It might now profitably turn attention to the question of the Secret Services maintained by the Great Powers.

The strange case of the three Englishmen—Oliver Phillips, John Leather and William Fischer—now standing their trial in Paris for espionage, together with two Frenchwomen, throws a disturbing light on the whole business.

It is of vital interest to the people both of England and France to have the whole facts placed before them.

We believe the accused Englishmen, who protest their innocence, to be the victims of secret agents who will stop at nothing to cover up their traces. Yet the French court, through some mysterious influence, has decided to try the case in camera. Why?

This is clearly a case in which the League of Nations ought to have power to intervene and force the system into the limelight of publicity.

So far as the British Secret Service is concerned, there is no doubt that there is a perpetual and serious leakage of the taxpayers' money. No one knows outside the Foreign Office just how much is being spent, nor is it possible to receive even a hint as to the manner of the spending.

In the last few years there have leaked out disquieting scraps of information to illustrate how money was squandered during the war in a manner alarming even for that period of financial insanity.

The permanent Secret Service, composed of men who are extremely proficient, and likewise loyal and honourable to their country, had to be vastly expanded. Men were employed without enquiry into their character or their reliability.

Cock-and-bull stories

Many of them were foreigners, who were as unscrupulous in their dealings with the country employing them as if they had been enemy nationals.

We say without fear of contradiction that 60 per cent. of the information received from these men, who are called sub-agents, was either inaccurate or misleading.

Unless he was an inordinately honest fellow, which rarely happened, he came back with any cock-and-bull story which he thought might bear the stamp of truth. He knew very well that it could not be immediately verified.

"Swopping" information

So unscrupulous were some of these neutral sub-agents that it was a common thing for information to be "swopped" between two employed

The Rt. Hon. Sir Austen Chamberlain, M.P., who, as Foreign Minister, is responsible for maintaining the British Secret Service

respectively by Britain and Germany, which information they each knew to be absolutely false.

Both would be highly paid eventually by the Governments employing them.

Since the war the British Secret Service has, of course, been drastically reduced. The intelligence officers are permanent Civil servants, whose integrity is above suspicion.

But even now these men are forced to employ, as in war time, shifty and dubious sub-agents of foreign nationality, and just as surely as in war time they are, on occasion, bound to pay handsomely for information which is worse than useless.

Nor can they ever be sure that misstatements conveyed by these cosmopolitan persons are not deliberately engineered by astute Secret Service men of the foreign country in which our own agents are operating for the moment.

Judging from these standpoints alone, the whole business seems to be farcical. Genuine information, of course, as to the building of armaments and secret design is undoubtedly obtained, and judged from the purely national standpoint is possibly worth the large sums of money which are paid.

But here there enters a very sinister factor and one which, as has already been indicated, constitutes one of the gravest menaces to international peace.

The armament trusts are not bound by too scrupulous observance of national and patriotic principles. The more armaments that are built the merrier it is for them.

It is much better for them that several of the Powers should be piling up "secret armaments" than that any one nation should have a monopoly of preparedness for war.

"Secrets" passed on

Supposing Italy has laid a few more submarines unknown to her immediate rival France. It is undoubtedly to the advantage of the armament firms that France should be made aware of the move.

Accordingly a French agent receives perfectly correct information of the new Italian secret programme. He immediately informs his Government and France embarks on a secret programme of her own.

Now the matter becomes of vital interest to Great Britain. Before very long a British Secret Service agent, through the usual sub-agent who is paid handsomely for his pains, receives reliable data of the building of the new French submarines.

He passes it on to the British Government, who naturally take immediate steps to "preserve the balance of power."

And so the game goes merrily on.

When the next war comes the International Secret Service will have nothing to chide itself about with having failed to prepare the way!

We advise the League of Nations to get busy before it is too late.

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In Sunshine Ward

by PHILIP INMAN

RICH and poor, luxury and squalor—the existence side by side of these two contradictions is not the least of life's puzzles. But as our contributor shows, it is not always wealth that brings happiness, nor luxury that breeds content.

WHAT MONEY CANNOT BUY

Life's Amazing Compensations

LIFE is full of strange contradictions. I recall vividly a sensation I had some weeks ago. I was sitting on the promenade of a fashionable resort in the South of France.

The wonderful sky above was cloudless and entrancingly blue; at my feet stretched the Mediterranean Sea. All around was a fashion parade unsurpassed in Europe.

I had just left my hotel with a batch of letters which had arrived by the noonday post. The first one I opened came from a reader of this paper. This girl of twenty-one was the only support of a widowed and invalid mother.

She told me of the struggle to make ends meet, for out of her wages of 27s. a week, she had to pay 11s. rent for the one room they occupied.

"We live in a court," she said, "overlooking a stable; the buildings are so high and narrow that we never see the sun. My mother has only been out once in more than a year, and that was in a bath-chair which we had to borrow."

The vulgar rich

I had just put this letter back in its envelope, when a man and a woman came to sit by my side. They were loud-voiced individuals and I could not help but hear their conversation. Food to eat and raiment to wear—that was the burden of all their talk.

They had been enjoying an excellent vintage of wine, so much so that their weekly bill for drinks alone had cost them 2,700 francs, which equalled about £20 in English money.

It was obvious that they were a pair of gourmandisers, with one object in life and that to satisfy their carnal lusts.

And somewhere in England a girl and a mother were living in a court without even a sun-ray to illumine their drab lives.

I remember the intensity of my feelings at the time, and had I not been there in search of health, like one of old I should have been tempted to shake the dust of such a place from my feet.

This experience comes back to me with renewed force, for I have just come across its counterpart.

An unusual request

The other day I was invited to dine at the House of Commons. My host called my attention to a man who was sitting at an adjoining table.

"He is a millionaire ten times over," he said, "with a town house and four or five country residences; he pays his private secretary £8,000 a year, and he boasts that the staircase in his West End house cost him £250,000."

Those words were ringing in my ears as I walked back to the hospital.

The very next morning I was approached by a woman whose cheeks were sunken and whose clothes were threadbare.

"I want to ask you a favour," she said pleadingly, "my husband's in here, in the Albert Ward, and the sister says he's better and can come home to-day. I want to know if you can keep him in until to-morrow."

It was an unusual request, but I was quite unprepared for her explanation. Struggling to hide her emotion, she said to me: "I had to pop his clothes to pay the rent, and I can't manage to get them out till to-morrow."

A millionaire "ten times over," with money to burn. A woman struggling to keep going by pawning her husband's clothes during his illness! Life is, indeed, full of strange contradictions.

But life is also full of amazing compensations. Not long ago, I sat by the deathbed of a wealthy merchant. He had suffered excruciating pain and I expected that he would welcome the end; but I was wrong.

Philip Inman

In a tone of tragic earnestness, he turned to me and said, "I would give every farthing I possess to change places with a rag-and-bone picker, if I could but live and have his health."

Poverty's riches

And that poor emaciated woman, whose husband had to stay in the hospital an extra day because he had no clothes in which to go home, told me: "Things are hard, but I've got a good man and three of the best children in the world, so I've got a lot to be thankful for."

Sunshine and shadow—light and shade; they enter into all our lives sooner or later, in one form or another. Well it is to trace the blue even in the darkest sky, and to look for the light even in shadowland.

The Sentence of the Court

A JONAH OF WALES

An Uncandid Excommunication

AGAINST the Rev. Moses Evans was brought a charge of endeavouring to extort the sum of 3d. by means of menaces.

"The accused," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "is pastor of the Tabernacle Church, Blaengarw, Wales, which has threatened with excommunication a newsagent who has been found guilty of distributing Sunday papers.

"This erring brother was allowed a period of grace in which to decide whether he would discontinue his reprehensible conduct or be cast into outer darkness as a child of Satan, and, what is worse, a menace to the financial wellbeing of the chapel.

"In defending this proposed action, the accused, in a Press interview, told a sob story about having seen a newsboy 'struggling through the rain' to deliver Sunday papers.

"'This,' said the pastor, 'is wrong'; but, despite the fact that the rain that raineth on week-days is just as wet as that which falls on the Sabbath, the pathetic plight of workers who have to deliver papers on a damp Tuesday or repair the chapel roof on a tempestuous Wednesday does not appear to have touched the heart of this reformer, probably because it has not touched his pocket.

"The accused let the genuine cat out of the authentic bag when he mentioned later in the same interview: 'When people get Sunday papers brought to their doors they stay away from chapel to read them. It is the same with the running of motor-'buses to Porthcawl in the summer-time on Sunday.'

"It is easy for the accused to pretend that when he sees a damp newsboy his cup of sorrow is full, but the real trouble is that his plate is empty, or thereabout.

"The threepenny-bits of the faithful being insufficient, he wants also the 'paper money' of the damned, who find the voice of 'The People' more inspiring than the platitudes of the pulpit."

* * *

Mr. Strawsplitter said his client was determined to fight Sunday labour. What with Sunday games, cinemas, and other questionable attractions, some of the churches had great difficulty in preventing their pews being depopulated, and it ill became a member of the congregation to assist the devil in his work of Sabbath desecration.

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"If he wishes to reduce Sunday labour," said Mr. Justice Bull, "the Evans' wrath should be directed against Monday morning newspapers, the production of which involves infinitely more Sunday work than does the distribution of Sunday papers.

"But, of course, the true explanation of this combined heresy-hunt and paper-chase is that the prisoner is inspired by threepenny-bitterness against a successful rival attraction.

"This attempt to impose the law of Moses on newspaper-readers is a pitiful confession of weakness by the reverend 'banmaster,' who practically admits that his sermons are powerless in competition with Sunday 'buses and papers.

"Having examined samples of the prisoner's empty rhetoric, I am not surprised at his empty pews. I must fine him the contents of the plate for a month of Sabbaths to make him realise that there are other ways of fighting the forces of darkness than by taking the 'sun' out of 'Sunday.'"

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WELFARE WORK IN INDUSTRY.

By Mrs. Philip Snowden.

GREAT BRITAIN has been longer than the United States in discovering the economic value of good labour conditions. We have always treated horses well, but not always men. Now we are beginning to realise that men are at least as good as horses for industrial purposes, and that, to put it at its lowest, it pays to treat men well.

Most great business undertakings do a smaller or larger amount of Welfare Work, but the Welfare Work of Boots Pure Drug Company, Ltd., which I had the pleasure of investigating a few days ago, is very good indeed, owing chiefly to the fine human spirit which inspires it, from the Heads to the whole of the Management. This firm is particularly fortunate in the people at the head of this work, who are, as I could see whilst they talked, possessed with a desire to advance in every way the well-being of the workers given into their charge.

Women particularly would be interested to note the care and pains that are taken in the selection of young people for their jobs, fitting the worker to the task for which he is most suited. This is the first step towards the promotion of health in the factory. A step which is followed by a careful and comprehensive scheme under the guidance of the firm's doctor.

Nurses and health visitors co-operate to make and keep the workpeople healthy. Homes are visited in the friendliest spirit and an ailing girl or boy is never lost sight of. Convalescents are often sent away to a home beside the sea.

I talked to one white-faced girl who was lying on a comfortable bed in a bright room full of Spring flowers. She had broken down after a few weeks of work, but the firm were going to see her fully restored to both health and work.

But not only bodies are looked after. Minds are not forgotten. There is a Day Continuation School, which all between the ages of 14 and 16 must attend for one half-day a week. Bright children continue for another year, some for two, in order to pursue vocational training. The chief value of all this is the spirit of fellowship it breeds. For the physical culture side of the work there is a magnificent gymnasium.

Clubs and Sports are a marked feature of the work. There is a splendid sports ground with a wonderful pavilion, and for indoor pastimes a very fine Institute. Almost every known game is played outside. Billiards are popular indoors. Dancing, singing, dramatic entertainments, scouting and equally jolly pastimes occupy happily these fortunate young people in their spare time. I was very greatly impressed with the spirit of camaraderie which has grown up amongst these young people. It is encouraged by the Firm. They are expected to take the responsibility for their own organisations, the superiors co-operating and not commanding. This is good.

It is good, too, that members of the Sports Club should contribute a little towards the upkeep of the ground—not nearly sufficient to cover the cost of maintenance, of course, but enough to give pride in possession and to maintain self-respect. This firm knows the demoralisation which inevitably follows when "something for nothing" becomes the motive power of an individual life.

Words Winged to Women

IN spite of legal enactments and the efforts of societies, gross cruelty is still practised on children in this country. In this respect some other countries show a better example

THE FIEND WITH THE CANE

by MABEL HORNER

ON a day not long ago an Englishwoman visiting in Spain was overcome with horror at the barbarity of the national sport of bull-fighting. "In our country," she informed her host, "the R.S.P.C.A. would soon bring an end to it."

The Spaniard smiled quizzically. "Ah," he reflected, "the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. But then you also need a Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children—is it not so? Now here that sort of society would find nothing to do. No one in Spain is ever cruel to a child."

We have laws for the protection of children and we have societies for their help. These things are born of our humanity. But there is no gainsaying the fact that they are rendered necessary because there are still many people who are cruel to little children.

There are many people who have a firm belief that good behaviour may be inculcated into a little child by beating it. Not only in Spain, but in Japan, they think differently. A child may be treated to hours of lecturing on good manners, but it is never thrashed.

Undefined cruelty

Children are the biggest mimics on earth, and the fact that Japanese girls are never found playing at slapping or scolding their dolls tells the same tale. We cannot make that boast.

I have seen a well-educated, refined young mother taking a small child to be treated for a cut and bruised lip. It had been wounded by a cane in the hand of a woman teacher.

The mother was distressed beyond measure, she was deeply angry, but beyond taking up the matter with the head-master she went to no court.

She knew the unhappy fact that unless a child in our public elementary or other schools receives its beating under circumstances of revolting indecency, it is very difficult to get a verdict in favour of the child.

Even when a child is wealed and bruised a judgment against the offender given in one court may very easily be reversed in a higher. We have no national standard of what does or does not constitute cruelty to children.

Chained to the bed!

At Stamford Grammar School, Samuel Arrowsmith, a delicate boy of thirteen, was *chained to his bed* every night because he was a sleep-walker. The chain so terrorised the child that his father had the sense to remove him, and then the school authorities sued Mr. Arrowsmith for £28 fees in lieu of a term's notice.

Happily Judge T. E. Haydon at Stamford County Court had imagination enough to realise the awful distress caused this poor child, who raved about the chain in his sleep. He gave judgment for the father, with costs.

But parents, even more often than teachers, are found at fault. It was but yesterday I saw a mother hitting and slapping a tender little infant because it was tired and crying in its pram.

This gives point to Bernard Shaw's striking communication to the *People*, published on Sunday, April 25.

"Children," he declares, "are at present outlaws. No prosecution of an adult for assault is ever successful unless the assault is indecent in a special sense.

"Schoolmasters and parents can thrash children with impunity as much as they please; and until child life is properly organised as such, and children's rights established as women's rights have been, the lot of children with irascible, violent, touchy, superstitious or sensually cruel

Bernard Shaw

custodians will be one of terror and suffering."

Tiresome grown-ups

It is my firm belief that grown-up people are much more tiresome and provocative and mischief-making than children. But they are not corrected by thrashing because the law gives them power to hit back.

Children are beaten because it is impossible for a small human being to resist one many times its size. The law has not given it power to hit back.

It would be a good thing if in any school and in every home where there are children there could be posted up Bernard Shaw's striking utterance in the *People*. It would stir the conscience of many, both parents and teachers, and give them furiously to think.

Faith-Healing Charlatans

by GEORGE GODWIN

THE law has something to say to the medical quack who tinkers on his own responsibility with the suffering, making bad worse. He stands liable to an action for malpractice.

Yet, strangely enough, there is nothing to prevent the veriest humbug from setting up as a faith-healer. The law, very wisely, has left the healing of the sick to that fine body of men who devote their lives and energies to that noble task.

So the man or woman who claims that upon him or her has fallen the divine power of performing the miraculous can go ahead with the business without hindrance from the legal authorities.

Let us examine the sort of things that happen. A woman paralysed for many years, hearing of the marvels being performed by the advertising faith-healer, is taken to the meeting-place.

Shattered faith

She has absolute faith that a cure is at hand. She submits to the laying-on of hands, the anointing of oil and so forth. Then slowly the realisation creeps in upon the sufferer that nothing has happened—she is still paralysed.

Sufferers from cancer, joint diseases, epilepsy and a wide range of similar physical burdens flock to the faith-healer, and come away disappointed.

The truth of the matter is this: in our times there is no proved cure of organic disease by supernatural agency. It is a fact we have to face as best we may. How, it may be asked, do the faith-healers succeed in deluding so many sufferers into belief in their magic powers? The answer is one well known to all medical men; it is perfectly simple.

The wisest course

Diseases are of two kinds—organic and functional. Organic disease means that the sufferer has some tangible growth, malformation, or germ-caused disease. Functional disease simply means that the nervous system is failing to act properly because of the presence of some kink in the mind.

During the war, when thousands of brave men were struck into the semblance of trembling poltroons by shell-shock, the doctors found that they could cure that condition by restoring the minds of the sufferers—in other words, they gave these shell-shock victims faith, and faith cured them.

The faith-healer can do the same in all such cases of hysteria. And that is what happens.

It is these so-called faith-cures which earn for these practitioners of the divine art the reputations which bring them the pitiable human wreckage, long past all aid and plainly marked by death, only to experience the ecstasy of hope and the black despair that comes with failure.

Why, if we live yet in the age of miracles, has the Church not yet discovered the fact? Why is it that not one parson or priest in ten thousand sets up to practice faith-healing?

The answer is that these men, who have spent their lives studying the divine mysteries, know that the only course for the afflicted is for them to go to a duly qualified medical man.

A cruel claim

It is time these presumptuous faith-healing charlatans were deterred forcibly from their sensational exploitation of the sick and the suffering, for whom they can do no more than anyone else. They should be classified with the tellers of fortunes and disciplined by the magistrates of our police courts.

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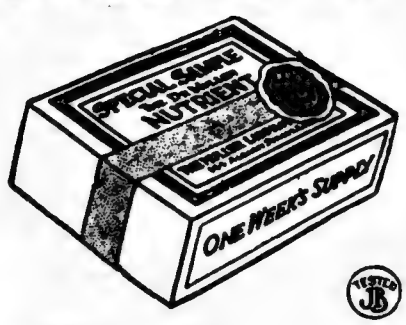

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A Debt of Dishonour

Tragedy of Harshness—Filial Yearning—A Moral Duty

"I AM in great distress regarding my sister. Four years ago her husband died in a lunatic asylum, his mind having given way as a result of his experience as a prisoner of war in Germany, and in the circumstances she was granted a pension of 36s. 8d. a week for herself and her child for so long as she remained a widow.

"A year ago she became acquainted with a man and, as is natural for an unattached woman in her early thirties, she appreciated and welcomed his attentions, under the impression that he was honest and straightforward and that he would carry out his expressed intention of marrying her.

"The sequel was the old story of a woman loving not wisely but too well, and a child was born.

"The brute of a man who was responsible for my sister's condition deserted her in her hour of trouble, and it was afterwards discovered that he was a married man and had all along deceived her.

"Her position now is desperate in the extreme. Her pension has been taken from her and she is receiving only 10s. a week in respect of her first child, the son of her dead soldier husband. To make matters worse, she is suffering from a serious ailment which renders her unable to work.

"CAN you imagine her plight? A one-roomed tenement, bare of the comforts of a home; a baby scarcely weaned; a boy nearly twelve; she, herself, a helpless invalid, all living, or rather struggling to exist, upon 10s. a week.

"She cannot hope for assistance from the man who betrayed her, for he is separated from his wife and compelled to pay her £1 a week, and, indeed, it was this woman who reported the birth of my sister's illegitimate child to the pension authorities.

"Are Government officials human beings or are they statues of stone? It seems barbarous to deprive a woman of her only means of support just because she put her trust in a man who turned out to be a blackguard.

"I do pray that you may be able to do something for her, for I dread lest my sister, in her helplessness, should seek a solution of her problem in suicide."

"HUMANIST" says: *It is only right that war widows who indulge in persistent and systematic immorality should be deprived of their pensions, but I think a distinction should be made in the case of a woman who has been basely deceived and deserted in the way you describe. I am placing the facts before the Minister of Pensions, in the hope that the decision of his department may be reconsidered.*

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"I HAVE just received a letter from a friend of mine in Canada asking for information about a sister of his whom he dearly loved in bygone days. I could enlighten him, but I dread doing so.

A Sister of Sorrow

"This sister of his, some time after he had gone abroad, became an unmarried mother, and her father, who was a rigid disciplinarian, turned her away from home.

"Both parents died not along ago and this sister is the only relation my friend has on this side of the water. He says he continually asked his father about her, but received no satisfactory reply.

"'Tell me,' he writes, 'if you ever see her, so that I can write to her, and if she should care to come over here, I will be responsible for all expenses.'

"Do I ever see her? Good heavens, I see her nearly every day, but she rarely sees me. She is always too drunk. She has been convicted times without number for theft and disorderly conduct, and her home, when she is not in prison, is a common lodging-house.

"What am I to do, 'Humanist'? Tell him that she is a sister of sin and sorrow, or affect ignorance regarding her?"

"HUMANIST" says: *Tell the girl, in the first place, that her brother is enquiring about her. Possibly the knowledge that there is someone in the world who still retains affection for her will induce her to change her mode of life. Her downfall appears to have been due to her father's harshness and it may not be too late to reclaim her. Your reply to her brother must depend upon her attitude towards his proposal.*

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"I WAS brought up by foster-parents, respectable working-class people, who treated me as their own son, and it was only after their death that I discovered the facts connected with my birth and parentage.

A Son's Longing

"My mother is a woman now advanced in years. She is in comfortable circumstances and, indeed, I have been taught to regard her as a benevolent aunt.

"Now I find myself in a delicate position. My mother resides in a little seaside resort where most of the inhabitants are intimately acquainted with one another's affairs, and in all probability she would have to face social ostracism if my existence as her son became known.

"I wrote to her telling her that I had discovered our true relationship, but I received no reply to my letter. I then went to the seaside incognito and recognised her from the photo which I had been taught to regard as my aunt's, but I did not disclose myself.

"It is natural that I should yearn for the consolation of mother love, and I cannot help thinking that my mother must feel something of the same yearning in her heart for the company of the son with whom she had to part as a babe at the breast and for whom she has so lovingly provided all these years.

"Do you think it would be discreet of me to call upon her and let her know that I would willingly try to bring her happiness in the evening of her life?"

"HUMANIST" says: *I can quite understand your feelings, but I think you should first write to your mother and ask her to receive you, making it clear that if the disclosure of your true relationship would involve social ostracism for her, you will willingly continue to pose as anything else if thereby you may satisfy the natural yearnings of your heart.*

"I AM in a difficult predicament owing to the somewhat unusual method I adopted to carry out my obligations towards a woman with whom I lived and the children she bore me after I had been deserted by my wife.

Moral Obligation

"In the early days of our association our affection was such that as we could not be united in matrimony we determined to flout convention and we lived together for over twenty years, seven children being born to us.

"My wife on the left hand, as the French say, developed unfortunate habits and I found it necessary to part company.

"Without disclosing to the court that we were not legally married, she sued me for maintenance and I submitted to the order considering that the simplest way of making provision for the children.

"Having fallen upon evil days, I made application to the court to set aside the maintenance order on the ground that the woman was never my wife.

"My application was refused, a solicitor declaring that as I was not the husband I had no right to make the application."

"HUMANIST" says: *If this woman gave you wifely affection for over twenty years, I cannot help feeling that you have a moral obligation to maintain her. If you cannot come to a mutual arrangement in the matter, the only course open to you is an application to the High Court.*

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A Callous Landlady

"Owing to the housing shortage, my wife and I are living in a single room. She is shortly expecting her first child, and the landlady says she must go to a nursing-home for her confinement. Are we compelled to do this?"

"Humanist" says: *Certainly not. If the accommodation for which you pay rent is suitable for the purpose, you have every right to have your child born there and I should imagine such a callous landlady would receive scant sympathy if she attempted to evict you.*

A Lunatic at Large

"My husband, after many years in a lunatic asylum, escaped and remained at large long enough to avoid recapture. He is trying to persuade me to live with him again, but I am in terror of him. He refuses to divorce me, though he has grounds. Can I take any action to obtain my freedom?"

"Humanist" says: *If you are in fear of your husband, you should apply to a magistrate for his detention. A guilty party has no right of action for divorce, but if Lord Buckmaster's Bill to reform the divorce law should become law, you might be able to obtain your freedom.*

A Helpless Father

"I am in great difficulty, being the father of an illegitimate child. I wish to marry the mother, and she has repeatedly agreed, but each time she has drawn back at the last moment, so that I am left paying for the maintenance of my child, which I am not allowed to see. Can nothing be done?"

"Humanist" says: *If the mother is of full age, it rests with her to decide whether to marry you or not, and so long as she refuses, I am afraid you have no rights in regard to the child. Can you not persuade her that it would be to the little one's advantage for you to marry, so that you could undertake full responsibility as a parent?*

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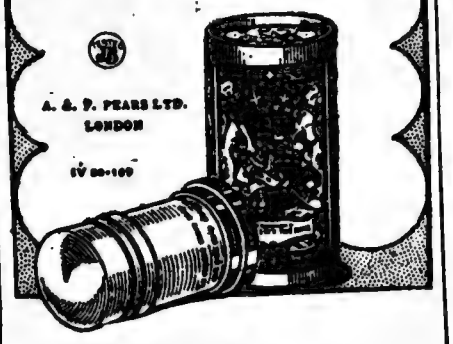

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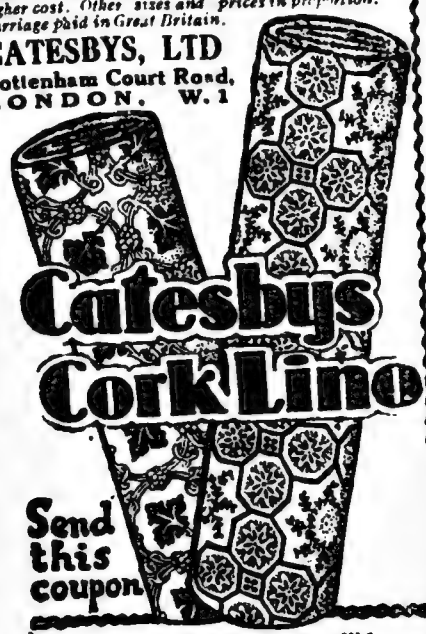

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The Fight for Peace

The men who came back from the last war have no illusions regarding the joy of battle. They know that the mighty fighting ships, the wheeling aeroplanes, and the gay uniforms are all camouflage to hide the ghastliness of human slaughter. Let us never cease to teach the rising generation the truth about the whole mad business, and encourage them to fight with the same intensity in the cause of peace.—*War Widow, Grangetown.*

Nations Gone Mad

The lesson has been hammered home time and again that armaments spell not security but death, yet the most enlightened nations of the world continue in their mad career. The gun that stands in Bedford Park has been tipped into the river on more than one occasion by war-sick people, but the authorities restored it to its place again, a typical instance of the working of the official mind.—*T. L. P., Rothwell.*

Scrap War Weapons!

When will nations realise that the only way to obtain universal peace is by scrapping all weapons of war, not making them? Our Government must also remember that, in the event of another war, it will take more than the words, "Your King and Country need you," to get our lads there again, especially when they know that they might meet their doom through an enemy gun made in England.—*H. Beck, Durham.*

A True Verdict

"Guilty—but Insane," by Mr. E. Roffe Thompson, is, indeed, true of all nations. One produces an improved weapon of war, and instantly practically every other rival nation puts money and skill in an attempt to go one better. The League of Nations must first be firmly established before one can hope for disarmament. Whilst several powerful countries, outside the League, continue to strengthen themselves regarding war weapons, others cannot stand still and be caught napping.—*League, London.*

A Losing Game

Given the will, is there any reason why this country should not follow Denmark's example and disarm? No one wants war—it is the game at which both sides lose—and I am convinced that if Britain made a world-gesture for peace by adopting a policy of disarmament now, the other nations would speedily range themselves by her side. But where, alas, can we find the statesmen ready to take their courage in both hands and make the initial plunge?—*Quaker, Darlington.*

A Missing Sub-title

I have lately been to see a very fine war film, and I came away feeling that there was one important thing missing. The film does not, as is usual with its type, glorify war, but producers or even the theatre-managers could, by the inclusion of a properly-worded note commenting on the horrors of war, bring home to the rising generation the folly and utter futility of it.—*W. J., Smethwick.*

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Food Fakers

The only way to stop the faking of sweets and foodstuffs is to prosecute the manufacturer. Usually it is the retailer who gets prosecuted, and, unfortunately, there the matter ends. What should be done is for the source of the condemned goods to be found and the proceedings taken against the manufacturers of them.—*H. B., Steyning.*

Shaky Props

Your call to the Churches cannot be reiterated too often, but before the Church can reform others it must reform itself. The Industrial Christian Fellowship tries hard to bring a little Christianity into the industrial world, but it cannot meet with much success while the landlords of slum property are very often the pillars of the Church.—*L. W., Liverpool.*

Convention's Gulf

Since the Rev. F. L. Jennings has had the pluck to denounce parsons as responsible for the great gulf between the Church and the man in the street, may I, as a layman, denounce our congregation? Not only does their Christianity cease when they are asked to look upon fallen women as their sisters, but they make it impossible for their parsons to mix freely with mankind. Their restrictions of convention and what is "naice" have severed the parsons from the man in the street.—*D. C. Leech, Southport.*

C.O.D. Sharks

By some unscrupulous persons the C.O.D. service is being abused. Articles are being sent to persons who never ordered them. Sometimes the whole household cannot know when goods have been ordered and, if the individual to whom they are addressed is out, the goods are naturally accepted. Why not require that the sender has, on the outside label, these words? "Ordered by —— (name), on —— (date)." If then it is proved that the goods were not ordered there is a case of "obtaining money by false pretences," quite enough to put a stop to "sharp practices."—*Boxwood, Pollokshields.*

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Crippled Workers

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Excursion Horrors

Before the holiday season commences our railway companies should improve excursion conditions, by having an ample supply of carriages available or by running extra trains. Something must be done to prevent the recurrence of last year's scandalous overcrowding. If some of our railway directors travelled third class during the holiday season they would appreciate the discomfort suffered by the travelling public.—*Democrat, Scotland.*

Rent Ramping

For the past four years my wife and I have been endeavouring to obtain unfurnished accommodation in London. In the better-class districts the rents asked are astounding, and in the other neighbourhoods the places to let are generally uninhabitable. And the restrictions! "No encumbrances!" "No pets!" "No gramophones!" "Fittings to buy!" Apparently, the only thing not objected to is the rent, and that even is demanded as much in advance as possible.—*Disgusted, Acton.*

Dummy Directors

The matter of appointing directors for many of our big industrial concerns calls for serious attention. Many of these directors have no personal knowledge of the business, but are appointed solely on account of their big name or the number of shares they take up, and are in many cases directors of varying concerns. In many cases a director seldom sees the factory from one year's end to the other.—*P. M., Manchester.*

What is Cowardice?

I wonder how many of those two hundred Tories who defeated the suggested abolition of the death penalty for so-called cowardice at the front were in the rat-infested trenches, saturated with mud and water. If they were, then and then only are they in the position to judge. Young lads and fathers, having left their loved ones behind, were facing hell in a bomb-infested country, and the hearts and spirits of many of them must have been broken. To call such cowards because they couldn't face the slaughter of fellow human-beings is utter nonsense.—*Clara Cannon, Herts.*

The Two Sides

It is reported that some women pay four guineas for a pair of silk stockings. The staggering thing in the world to-day is the fact that, while demand for luxuries grows, the struggle to keep alive intensifies. On the other side of the picture we see agricultural labourers fighting for 35s. a week, and engineers in receipt of wages which are disgraceful for highly-skilled work.—*L. J. Barnes, Surrey.*

Human Life Cheap!

The Home Secretary announced recently that "more than ten people were killed and more than 300 injured on the roads every day during last year." There is every prospect of these accidents becoming even more numerous. Should not something be done to meet these dangers, especially in out-of-the-way places where prompt attention to accidents is impossible? Why cannot certain vehicles be compelled to carry first-aid equipment?—*Gover Shaw, St. Albans.*

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Dark 'Uns in the Derby

Trainers Afraid of Colorado—The Best Each-Way Long-shot—Two Unknowns—A Day of Eights—Working Stable Commissions

THE Jockey Club's intention to resume racing without delay dispelled the doubts in sporting circles that the Derby would not be run. We have had our Derby every year since 1780, and we shall have it again.

Round the Stables

During my enforced holiday I managed to get round to several of the big stables. I found most of the trainers busily engaged with their Epsom candidates, but not many of them seemed very optimistic of being able to lower the colours of Colorado who is fighting fit judging by the way he played with Palma Bay and Mandelieu in his latest gallop over a mile-and-a-half.

Lord Lonsdale, senior steward of the Jockey Club

Colorado's Walk Over

Lord Derby's champion won the Guineas so easily and finished so full of running, with a tired lot of horses in the rear, that the trainers cannot be blamed for their pessimism but, as I have said before, Newmarket and Epsom are as different as chalk and cheese. Many backers jumped in immediately after the Guineas to take 7 to 2 Colorado, but the price does does not tempt me. Everyone knows that a 6 to 4 winner is better than a 20 to 1 loser, but an each aware way long-shot, which may spring a surprise, offers more satisfaction.

Taylor's Two

With the exception of Embargo and St. John, all the horses which took part in the Guineas are still in the Blue Riband. Colorado should hold them all, but I feel sure that the best of Alec Taylor's pair, Swift and Sure and Booklet, Lex, and Finglas will do much better at Epsom. Manton strawberries seldom ripen until June. At the moment, I like Swift and Sure as well as anything as an each-way proposition. The colt won over a mile-and-a-half at Chester, and there are no faults to be found with his breeding. He is full brother to the peerless Saucy Sue.

Masked Ruler and Captain Blood

The best of the dark 'uns which did not compete in the first Classic are Mr. Macomber's Masked Ruler and Mr. S. B. Joel's Captain Blood. Last year The Sirdar, the one-paced Frenchman possessed of stamina, ran into third place at 100 to 1. Masked Ruler may go two better, but I will let you know more about him later.

By a Substitute Derby Winner

Captain Blood is a well-bred colt by Gay Crusader—a substitute Derby winner—out of Bonnie Bird. So far he has not run in public, but I have received several good words for him. I have been asked so many times for the list of horses still left in the big race that I am reprinting the list from the *Sporting Life and Sportsman.*

Code Selections Once More

I shall recommence my code selections on the day racing restarts, and I hope to make up for lost time with some nice, long-priced winners. My last two selections sent out before the industrial upheaval were Speardora Colt, won at 7 to 2, and Purple Shade. Easterbee's unlucky horse just missed a place in the Victoria Cup, but he will do us a good turn before long.

A Day of Eights

A friend of mine returned from the last Sandown Park meeting hating the sight of eights, but I offered him no sympathy as it does not pay to let superstition sway you at racing. He went to the meeting with the intention of making Blaris his big bet of the day, but allowed himself to be put off Duller's easy winner owing to the success in the previous races of number eight on the race-card. Craggie Rock—number eight—won the first. The second event went to Grenoble, also number eight. In the third Great Span, number eight, was beaten a short head in a desperate finish. Blaris, in the fourth race, was the same fateful number, and my friend, with his hands deep in his pockets, watched it win by six lengths, Luck still pursued number eight. Ghent of Old, eighteen on the card, captured the fifth race, and the last race of the day went to Border Ranger, number four, or half eight.

HORSES STILL IN THE DERBY

Amilcar	Delius	Nansen
Apple Sammy	Finglas	Norman Duke
Ardsallagh	Friar Wile	Out of Tune
Artist Glow	Gain Or	Pantera
Autocrat	Grandflight	Phanarite
Ballynahinch	Gay Lothario	Pharan
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Banstar	Happy Recruit	Plymouth Hoe
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Bassoon	Henry of Navarre	Review Order
Battle Line	Herculcs	Rogue II.
Bicarbonate	High Art	Rosehearty
Black Hawk	Hoggar II.	St. Mary's Kirk
Booklet	Hope	Silver Crusade
Bucaroe	Jessel	Simon the Beggar
Buck Away	Lancegaye	Soyez Ferme
Buckler	Lanchester	Southbourne
Caissot	Le Gros	Spartacus
Capt. Blood	Lemson	S. of Destiny
Caracalla	Le Taciturne	Sun Yat-Sen
Cimies	Lex	Swift and Sure
Colorado	Lulworth Cove	Tenacity
Comedy King	Macanudo	Tom Bowling
Coronach	MahJong III.	Vandyck
D. of Buckingham	Masked Ruler	War Mist

An Ascot Reheearsal

They have just had in France the usual rehearsal for the Ascot Gold Cup, the Prix du Cadran, run over the full Cup distance and, as my French correspondent thought, Priori II. won the race with ease. The second turned out to be Tricard, who was a miserable failure when fancied for the Cup last year, and that may be held to cheapen the form, but it should not be forgotten that the horse was not at his best and ran too badly to be taken seriously. Both the horses are in the Ascot race this year and both will run. It was unfortunate that Cadum was not started for the race, for I know there are many in France who think this horse will carry the Rothchild's colours to victory at Ascot this year.

The Surprise of the Race

The surprise of the "Cadran," however, was the appearance of Warminster in the light of a stayer. This horse has always been thought a good middle distance performer, but in this particular race he ran well to finish third against a field of excellent stayers and it is possible that the Torterolo brothers have made the son of Louvois into a stayer after all. They are miracle workers, and my French correspondent who saw the race was impressed with the manner in which the horse finished.

Trying to Learn

One or two English trainers took advantage of the recent slack period to visit France with the object of seeing for themselves if there is anything in French training methods by which they can profit. The only lesson of value they learnt was that French training methods do tend to develop stamina in horses whose breeding suggests that stamina is not inherited.

Stable Commissions

During the past month a batch of circulars have been passed on to me signed by touting tipsters who claim to have knowledge of stable secrets and are working the commissions. Don't take any notice of these brazen-faced sharks, as they are not in the know. Stable commissions are entrusted to agents who do not let the cat out of the bag to all and sundry, if they value their jobs.

Placing the Money

Working a commission is put in the hands of a number of men if the stable concerned is betting heavily. The agents entrusted have been tried too often to be found wanting. Each is given a share of the wager and instructed to obtain the best price possible, but not to take below certain odds, say 5 to 2. This is not as simple as it sounds, as Bill Moneybags or Joe Blank will probably not take more than fifty pounds. If he knows the agent hails from a cute stable he may be "full up" without registering a bet.

Tenners Cause a Panic

The agents work simultaneously in different rings or various parts of Tatt's. If they fail to get on when the betting opens they emulate Brer Rabbit and lie low until just before the "off." It is a ticklish task, as their enquiries put the layers wise and often lead to disaster. From what I have seen lately in Tatt's. a tenner puts many of the pencillers into a state of panic.

The Bookmakers' Gold Mines

Before the Flat commenced I suggested modest stakes on the big races owing to the fact that these races invariably prove to be gold mines for the pencillers. So far they have lived up to their nasty reputation. The selections of over thirty Turf writers are given daily in several of the sporting editions. One or two writers went for the City and Suburban favourite, Warden of the Marches, but King of Clubs, Lincolnshire, Rock Fire, Newbury Cup, Kyra, Great Metropolitan, Colorado and Pillion, the 2000 and 1000 Guineas, all won untipped. The big events show up the uncertainty of the game.

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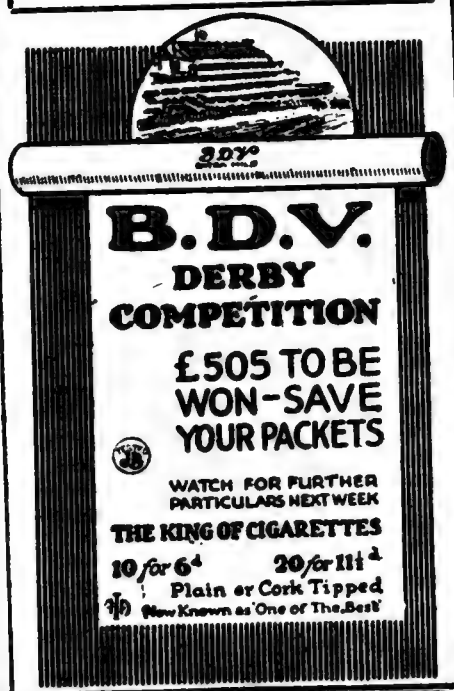

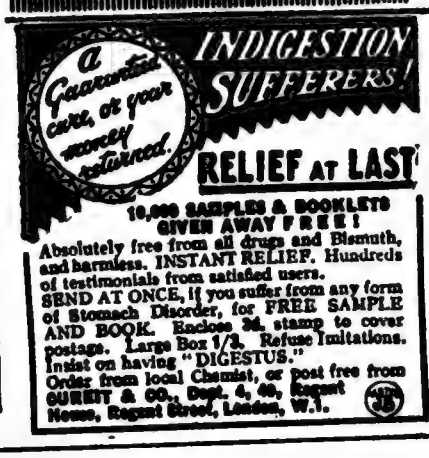
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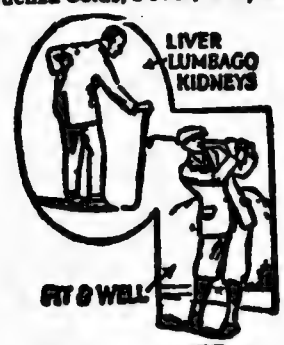

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MRS. D. (Manchester).—"My youngest son is a wonderfully promising boy." He must be a budding politician.

H. J. (Chichester).—"I am sending you a few cases of mistaken identity." It's very kind, but we never drink the stuff.

B. N. (Liverpool).—"I have evolved a fine scheme for making tobacco last." We've no doubt it will eventually all end in smoke.

D. L. (Kensington).—"Girls in America seldom marry so early as those in England." But once they start they marry much oftener.

MISS O. (Mansfield).—"I sit and see pictures in the fire." That's better than sitting to see pictures that ought to be in the fire.

M. H. (Barnsley).—"I've come to the conclusion cooks will flirt with anybody and anything." They even mash the potatoes.

B. N. (Bradford).—"Is it possible to make any money by writing?" Occasionally, if the relatives you write to are generous.

MRS. J. (Finchley).—"The vulgar person who lodges on the top floor dares to say that I am beneath her." Well, you are, aren't you?

MRS. L. (Liverpool).—"My husband dresses very quietly." Even when he loses his collar-stud five minutes before train time?

M. F. (Swindon).—"My father left me a considerable fortune from his bill-posting business." Then all your diamonds are made of paste.

P. G. (Surbiton).—"I know of no pleasure in life equal to that of a jolly good dinner." Isn't there something missing between your initials?

G. P. C. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).—"My wife threatens to have her hair bobbed, but so far she has let it alone." And you're glad it hasn't come off?

MARY (Wigan).—"A girl friend of mine makes a business transaction of getting an engagement-ring." Do you want to have your finger in it?

J. W. (West Ealing).—"My wife is always talking about her first husband." That is much more delicate than to be always talking about her third.

T. R. (Bournville).—"If a man takes a wife he should take out an insurance policy at the same time." Heavens! Is a wife as dangerous as all that?

P. L. (Marylebone).—"My wife and I had our wedding presents stolen a day or so after our marriage." Congratulations—some people have all the luck.

D. N. (Yarmouth).—"I saw a girl here box the ears of a fisher-lad who tried to kiss her." Perhaps she thought it would make him steadier if he had a smack of his own.

B. E. (Reading).—"Sherry is good for sea-sickness." So is port.

S. McT. (Glasgow).—"Coming home late at night I hurt my hand." Who trod on it?

M. N. (Hammersmith).—"If the doctors disagree who can decide?" The coroner.

MRS. R. (Sanderstead).—"What are our young women coming to?" To old ones, eventually.

B. E. (Manchester).—"I know I have very good brains." And, apparently, quite unused.

MISS K. (Chorley).—"What is needed to start a really good little business in London?" Customers.

G. F. (Chelsea).—"Men ought always to be contented with their lot." The trouble is so few have a lot.

MRS. D. (Hornsey).—"My husband has never been difficult to please." Very obviously he has not.

LILY (Margate).—"If every woman suddenly dropped writing to you where would you be?" At peace!

M. H. (Settle).—"I am in full sympathy with women's aims." So, too, are the proprietors of cocoa-nut shies.

F. C. (Holbeck).—"I'm afraid you'll think this proposal a dead letter." So dead we've reduced it to ashes.

G. F. (York).—"I have a wife and two daughters, but no money." Granted the first the last goes without saying.

G. M. L. (Ingleton).—"After ten years of married life I'm completely satisfied." You don't want any more of it?

B. F. (Clapham).—"I have a very high opinion of your paper." Glad to find your initials do you an injustice.

L. M. (Liverpool).—"I shall go to America and compel my father to return." Then you're really hoping to go to Bagdad.

MELIA (Bethnal Green).—"My young man likes to say it with flowers." Which shows he's too wise to say it with ink.

F. G. (Acton).—"A man in your neighbourhood gave me a good square meal." Then you'll soon be looking round again.

MISS F. (Swansea).—"Tell me plainly, now I have declared myself, is there nothing about me you admire?" Yes; your cheek.

J. K. (Beaconsfield).—"I can trace my ancestry back to the Normans." Doubtless as they're all dead it won't worry them.

EXPERT (South Place).—"Every rule is proved by its exception." What's the exception to a man being present when he's shaved?

MRS. C. (Liverpool).—"Women have always shown willingness to care for the feeble-minded." In other words, they have married them.

W. H. (Bolton).—"The pleasure is in the chase rather than in the achievement." It's clear you never missed the last 'bus home on a wet night.

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Client: "I would—but I don't know what to confess—she won't let me see the letter."

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S. T. (Exeter).—"I think your heart is on the right side." We have certainly had no notice of its removal!

S. M. (Lambeth).—"I always buy coal by the ton." You mean you think you do!

T. M. (Hitchin).—"Money talks." We are still listening-in on the off chance!

B. S. (Sidcup).—"I always sing in my bath." A little tune once a year doesn't annoy anyone.

N. A. (Croydon).—"I have not been firm enough with my coalman." So you are getting slack?

B. L. (Barmouth).—"My poems are not to be published until after my death!" Here's long life to you!

MRS. T. (Buxton).—"I have a model husband." But is he a working model?

JACK (Ingatestone).—"Would you like a monkey as a pet?" Yes, but wouldn't your people miss you?

F. A. (Bognor).—"Cinemas are too hot and stuffy." Yet there are generally enough "fans" there.

B. L. (Crewe).—"What is swank?" Wearing motor goggles and then riding on top of a 'bus.

J. T. (Roath).—"I'm going to Valencia for a holiday." We wish you'd take that tune back with you.

J. B. (Selkirk).—"I left the Army when I was a lance-corporal." It's extraordinary how it carries on!

W. T. (Ascot).—"He's a brainless idiot, but an excellent dancer." Educated at the wrong end.

E. D. (Rochester).—"Our baby is the prettiest in the world." Yes, yes. Each one is.

M. T. (Weston).—"If I called at your office, I tell you, sir; I'd let myself go." We wouldn't hinder you.

A. Y. (Melford).—"I know very little about women." Then you know as much about them as anybody.

DORA (Palmer's Green).—"Can you recommend something for unshapely ankles?" Russian boots.

G. N. (Paddington).—"Money doesn't go so far as it did." No; but it goes much faster as far as it goes.

P. H. (Norbiton).—"I should like the manuscript of the enclosed article back after you have published it." Always anxious to please, we are sending it before.

H. N. (Bedford).—"Many British M.P.s are to visit Russia." Serve it right!

T. N. (Partick).—"In time, Labour will put Communism in its place." We hope not.

T. B. (Bognor).—"The average American film has a happy ending." The trouble is that it's so far from the beginning.

H. M. (Ramworth).—"Could I interest you in a new saucepan I've invented?" We don't doubt that you look very quaint in it.

T. B. E. (Bedford).—"Although the hall was not full, the audience stayed to hear my remarks to their conclusion." He was probably the caretaker.

F. H. (Epsom).—"Why do men strive to get into Parliament?" Judging by what some of them do—to rest from their strivings.

T. B. (Bolton).—"I have social ambitions and would like to be one of the knobs." Then you'll have to be made of brass.

MRS. R. (Upper Tooting).—"Hubby has given me the duckiest hat for a birthday present." And what will he have to say when he gets to know about it?

J. K. (Derby).—"I gave up the race owing to a pain in my side, and should probably have been very ill if I had gone on." "A stitch in time," as the proverb says.

G. P. (Bedford).—"Though a bit wild, my son says he is determined to make a name for himself." That's all right; but warn him not to give away yours in the meantime.

P. C. J. (New Malden).—"The gardener promised that our big azalea would be covered with blossoms this spring, but it isn't." He seems to have made a blooming error.

"FARMER" (Leominster).—"The girls I employ on the land seem to think a wonderful lot of their bobbed heads." Like yourself, you see, they take a proper pride in their crops.

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THE BETTING TAX
FAMILY MAN
A PRETTY PENNY
THE MINERS
TO OUR SURPRISE
FOR GOOD
A BIT ON
MY VIEW
HEARD AT THE THEATRE
THE LADIES
IN A FEW YEARS
ALIVE AND KICKING
PARIS MODEL
THE RIGHT STAMP
MISSING
NEVER FORGIVEN
SHOWED SHE WAS CLEVER
AS BEFORE
SAID TO THE MOTORIST
WRITING HOME
TAKING HIS MEASURE
HER BIRTHDAY
NOT HEARD NOW
HAPPILY
WHAT THE TYPIST SAID
A MOUTHFUL
FREE OF CHARGE
A TERROR
SEEN IN THE COUNTRY
FOR ME
WEAK AND STRONG
WHAT IS BEAUTY?

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Example _____
Bullet _____

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Example _____
Bullet _____
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Bullet _____

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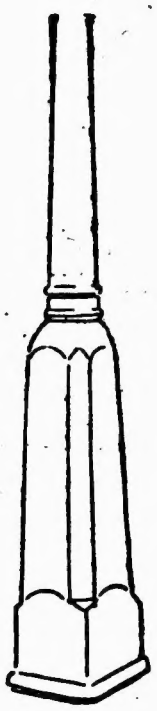

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